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"Father, We Thank Thee—" A Thanksgiving Prayer Gloria Young

On this Thanksgiving Day, we bow our heads in humble gratitude to Thee, our Father, for Thy manifold blessings during the past year. Thou hast protected our homes from bombs; Thou hast been with our sons and loved ones as they fought their way toward victory in jungles, or deserts, or icy slopes; Thou hast blessed the fertile soil of our land and it has yielded abundantly—enough to sustain our needs and to share with others in the many corners of the earth; Thou hast filled our treasuries with money so that many of our churches have been released from the burden of indebtedness and enabled to do a more worthy service for Thee.

As we approach Thy throne, we ask Thee to erase all selfishness from our hearts. Help us to envision the hungry world as guests at our table today. Waste, in these days, is sin in Thy sight and the sight of all thinking people. Make this day of gratitude to Thee not one on which our bodies

shall be gorged with all the delicacies that our purses can afford—but one of prayer, around a simple nourishing meal where not a single crumb shall be carelessly thrown away. . . .

We sheltered people in our homes do not men to be selfish, our Father—Thou knowest our hearts. It is hard



for us who feel so patriotic to realize that one-fourth of the food produced in this country is wasted—while millions starve—and victory is delayed. Thou hast taught us to care for our neighbors. Thou hast said, "Even as ye do it unto one of the least of these,"

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Newly Elected Officers — Mississippi Baptist Convention



Officers elected during the 107th annual Mississippi Baptist Convention were: President, E. C. Williams (center), Jackson, state secretary of the Sunday school department; Dr. L. E. Greene of Pascagoula, first vice president; Rev. George Gay of Okolona, who served as acting secretary, and (left) Rev. G. C. Hodge of Biloxi.



G. C. HODGE

Perhaps you know someone who will not be in Sunday school or church on next Sunday when the offering for the Orphanage is taken. Why not speak a word to them and ask that they send their offering to one of the services if for any reason they are unable to attend.

CORRECTION: We need \$50,000 CASH on our \$104,000 bond call December 1, 1943.

Russian Families Need Our Help

Southern Baptists Asked for 100,000 Kits of Everyday Household Articles

By Louie D. Newton
Southern Baptist Convention
Chairman, Kit Campaign For Russians

"One example," said Gladstone, "is worth a thousand arguments."

Southern Baptists, stirred by the gallantry of the Russian armies which have stood between us and the threat of German invasion, and aware of the poignant suffering which millions of little children, mothers, and aged men in the overrun area in Russia are bearing this very moment, are

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Baptist Convention Sets High Aims For 1944 107th Session Held in Jackson

Plans to become debt-free in 1944, voting to establish a Baptist Foundation, recommending a larger ministry to Negroes, adopting a twenty-one point program and presenting to A. J. Wilds a love gift of \$345, were features of the 107th session of the Baptist State Convention which met Tuesday, November 16, at the First Baptist Church in Jackson. Every section of the state was represented. President E. C. Williams presided and W. L. Compere, pastor of 15th Avenue church, Meridian, was in charge of the music. George Gay, Okolona pastor, was elected secretary pro tem as the Convention secretary for 35 years, Walter E. Lee, Como, was unable to attend because of illness.

After the usual opening formalities and a brief devotional by T. D. Brown, pastor First church, Hattiesburg, President E. C. Williams delivered the annual president's address. This address was printed in last week's issue.

Thos. T. Holloway then presented the work of the American Bible Society.

An interesting feature of the afternoon session was the introduction of some 25 pastors and educational directors who have come into the state during the year. They were presented by A. L. Goodrich, editor of The Baptist Record.

D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, spoke on "Paying Our Debts." He painted an optimistic picture of the debt situation and made eight recommendations which were unanimously adopted. These recommendations appear on another page.

Emphasis on the Cooperative Program and the Now Club was suggested as a partial solution, and it was further recommended that the month of June, 1944, be designated as Mississippi Baptist Victory Month in which every member of the church be urged to make a special offering for the Now Club.

"This means," the resolution stated, "that some few hundred churches and several thousand Mississippi Baptists having made no pledges will make victory payments during the month."

Revealing that 1943's record is expected to top the last five record-breaking years of soul winning among the Baptists in the state, and that a new record has also been established this year in financial support, Dr. McCall reminded Mississippi Baptists that they have much to be thankful for at the 1943 Thanksgiving season. "We should approach the season with three main attitudes," he told the group. "One is an evangelistic fervor; another is thanks to God for His blessings, and last but not least, determination to complete our debt

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Sparks & Splinters

Pastor Charlie Treadway of Cleveland writes expressing his joy over one hundred people having signed up to practice tithing during 1944.

Liberty: The Orphanage offering Sunday was \$200, compared to \$75 last year.—C. M. Day, pastor.

We are proud of the fact that the Orphanage has no indebtedness. We are also proud of the fact that funds are being reserved in order that the building program may be completed when the opportunity comes again. For this reason we should make our Thanksgiving offering as liberal as possible.

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The Orphanage was delighted to have so many visitors during the Convention. We hope all of our Baptist people will visit the Orphanage when coming to Jackson. This is your Orphanage. We want you to know more about it.

Superintendent W. G. Mize of the Orphanage, with some twenty boys and girls visited Meridian on Sunday, Nov. 14, in the interest of the annual Thanksgiving offering. A program concerning the work of the Orphanage was given in the following churches: First church, Fifteenth Avenue, Eighth Avenue and Forty-First Avenue. A program was given over WCOB Broadcasting Station at 5:00 p. m. In addition to the program given by the children and a talk by the superintendent, Dr. Norman Cox, pastor of First church, and Rev. W. L. Compere, pastor Fifteenth Avenue church, brought brief messages concerning the work and ministry of the Orphanage and urged the Baptist people of Lauderdale county to do their best in making this the largest offering in the history of the Orphanage.

The Sunday school State Mission offering at Liberty was \$200.

Liberty church, C. M. Day, pastor, paid their 1943 Now Club quota in advance. They have recently held a successful study course.

Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office include the following: Rev. W. O. Carter, Mashulaville; Rev. C. M. Day, Liberty; Dr. Henry T. Brookshire, Gulfport; Rev. D. O. Horne, Monticello; Rev. J. N. Holloway, Picayune; Rev. J. S. Deal, Silver City; Rev. C. Z. Holland, Canton; Rev. A. V. Faggard, Newton; Rev. J. H. Fennelaker, Sumner; Mrs. W. M. Scrivner, Carthage; Miss Sybil Dewese, Carthage; Dr. and Mrs. A. L. O'Brian, Parchman; Dr. O. P. Estes, Picayune; Rev. R. C. Woodham, Hattiesburg; Rev. Virgil Ratcliff, Lumberton; Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Senter, Fulton; Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Eubanks, Greenville; N. T. Tull, Magnolia, Miss.; Vergie Upton, Oakvale; Miss Joyce Bailey, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Sexton Upton, Oakvale; Rev. F. H. Miller, Louisville, and J. May Hunt, McCool.

C. J. Olander, Morgan City pastor, recently assisted Pastor L. D. Sellers in a meeting at Colla.

Wanted! A Thanksgiving offering for the Orphanage for every loyal Mississippi Baptist.

STUDY THE ROLL CALL ON PAGE 13. IS YOUR CHURCH ON THE GLORY ROLL?

I have read you ever since I was young and always paid full price. I am 78 years old, sick, and in the hospital here, so I can't read you any more in this world nor in the next. So stop my paper. Goodbye and pray for me.

The pastor's home of the South McComb church was practically demolished by a recent cyclone.

Lemuel Smith has resigned Ruth church and has accepted the pastorate at Crosby.

The many friends of W. A. Frye, former pastor at Pheba and Cedar Bluff (Clay county) and now student at Southwestern Seminary will be glad to learn that he has been called to the fulltime pastorate at Venus, Texas.

The W. M. U. of Ruth Baptist Church sponsored a shower for Rev. and Mrs. Lemuel Smith, who after four years' work at Ruth will serve at Crosby. The gifts varied from canned goods to blankets, the latter being the gift of the sponsors.

My attention has been called to an article in this morning's Commercial Appeal which is likely to give a false impression as to one action taken by the Convention. The article says, "The proposal of a campaign to raise \$100,000 as a memorial to the late Dr. M. O. Patterson . . . was approved." I am sure that those who were present will remember that all that the resolution which was passed does is to commend the spirit of those who have initiated such a movement and express the hope that some day this amount may be raised. I stated to the Convention that it was only after Brother Simmons had revised his resolution that the resolutions committee was willing to recommend its adoption.—John F. Carter.

The First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, J. Howard Williams, pastor and Luther Harrison, associate pastor, has planned a budget of \$150,000 for 1944—\$42,500 for Missions; \$57,500 for local expenses and \$50,000 for the building fund.

Chester Swor will lead a revival at Mendenhall November 29-December 5. Charles C. Jones is pastor.

McLain: For the third time in eight months the gospel radio program directed by Dr. William Potter, recently resigned pastor of the First Baptist Church, has increased its broadcasting time. Starting this week the broadcast originating in Hattiesburg over WFOR will be heard every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

In connection with the inauguration of President Duke K. McCall, and continuing until February first, 1944, the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans is offering two of its correspondence courses, "Personal Evangelism and Worship" and "Why and How," to all men and women in the armed forces of the United States at a reduced cost, as shown in the advertisement in this issue. Churches, individuals, classes or others are urged to send these courses to members in the service to prepare themselves to be efficient workers when they return to their churches. Prof. E. O. Sellers, Secretary, New Orleans, 13, Louisiana, can give added information.

Charles Monroe Ball, weight seven pounds, is the name of a recent addition to the family of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Z. Ball. The father is pastor of Shelton and Antioch churches, Jones county.

The Belzoni Baptist Church had a record-breaking Sunday in Sunday School and Training Union on Nov. 14. The record attendance in Sunday school for the past ten years or more has been 183. The Sunday school officers and teachers set a goal of 200 for the above mentioned Sunday and went over the goal by having 220 in Sunday school. The Training Union also broke a record by having 72 present on the same day, with 80 as their enrollment.—Edith Taylor.

H. R. Cropp of Escatawpa suggests a rally day sometime before Christmas. Quoting Psalm 122:6, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord," he urges that Baptists use the radio, daily papers, magazines and billboards to get the above verse to the people. He also urges that posters be placed in barber shops, stores, gas stations and post offices. He thinks that this method would reach many otherwise unreached. Just as the government has rally days for bonds, he would have a rally day for Baptists. He thinks this method should result in at least one million Baptists assembling on a special rally day. (Editor's note: There are approximately 300,000 white Baptists in Mississippi.)

Mantee: C. Z. Holland, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Canton, is to be with Mantee church, Leroy Boland, pastor, in a stewardship revival beginning Sunday night, November 21.

Ben E. Craft, former pastor and founder of the 28th Avenue church in Hattiesburg, has been called as pastor of the Ovett church. He left 28th Avenue church to enter the armed service and later was placed on an inactive status because of physical disability.—Reporter.

Pastor J. B. Smith of Hollandale reports a good meeting at Moorhead. He speaks in highest terms of Dr. O. P. Moore, saying that he is greatly loved by the Moorhead people. Several services were held in the Junior College. Prof. W. Plunket Martin of the music department of the Baptist Bible Institute conducted the singing. There were 13 professions of faith—two of these were mothers, and one came by letter. While in Moorhead Brother Smith was a guest of Brother and Mrs. W. E. Stevenson.

The Lebanon Associational Sunday school conference will meet with Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Monday evening at 7:30, November 22. Pastors, Sunday school superintendents and departmental superintendents are especially urged to be present.

Dr. M. C. Stith has been elected Executive Secretary of Washington Baptists. For the past six years he has been pastor of Brooklyn church, Washington, D. C. He is a native of Kentucky and has held pastorates in Florida and the District of Columbia. He succeeds Dr. Rufus Weaver, who recently retired because of age and ill health.

Morrison Chapel Baptist Church, near Cleveland, Mississippi, reports the largest collection to State Missions in the history of the church, with Mr. Bob Crosby, superintendent of Sunday school.—Velma Tedder, church reporter.

The First Baptist Church of Lexington was asked for \$481 toward the Blue Mountain College Endowment Fund. They have already paid \$564.75. The total offering for last Sunday was \$1,082.56.

My brethren in South Carolina have given me a great reception. I have been in fourteen revival meetings in the one year back in the state. The Lord is blessing us here in Allendale. We are paying off the church debt this year and will soon have our dedication service. We have had a healthy increase in membership. The year's record is the best in the history of the church. We humbly thank God for all that has been accomplished. "The people had a mind to work."—R. K. Corder, Allendale, S. C.

Pastor and Mrs. Montie A. Davis of East Moss Point are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, Lynda Katherine.

Joe Clapp, Jr., of Kentucky, a student at B. B. I. and Tulane University, has accepted the pastorate at Ruth Baptist Church.

Cutler, Calif.: The huge Calgro Winery and more than a million and a half gallons of wine were destroyed by fire Tuesday. Owners estimated the loss at between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. (Editor's note: Good ridance.)

Major General Norman T. Kirk, surgeon general of the army, is quoted by The Chicago Tribune as saying: "Men who as children were allowed much freedom and self-expressions are no good as soldiers and are the first to crack under the strain." Truer words were never spoken. So far as we have been able to observe, children who have not been subjected to discipline are failures not only in military, but also in civil life. Really, this generation is sinning against the coming generation by the carelessness with which it is rearing its children.—Watchman-Examiner.

November is Thanksgiving Month for the Baptist Orphanage. Do not fail to take an offering sometime during the month for this worthy cause.

"Blue Skies Beyond," by H. Lafayette Anderton, attorney at law in Birmingham, Alabama, and prominent Southern Baptist layman, is written in fiction style with an entertaining loving story woven throughout. The chief purpose in writing this book is to teach certain fundamental principles. One chapter gives in brief the essential message of Christianity in exact quotations. Another chapter gives the fundamental moral and Christian basis for lasting peace and sets up in detail the essential elements that must be included in permanent peace. It is published by the Broadman Press and may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store for \$2.

Leland: Our letter to the Deer Creek Association showed: a net membership gain of 47; a pleasing increase in average Sunday school attendance despite a loss in enrollment due to the loss of 73 men to the armed service; the Training Union enrollment the highest in the history of the church as well as the largest number of unions; a good gain by the W. M. U.; total contributions of \$28,881.54; \$16,980.40 or 59% was given to missions and benevolences.—Reporter.

New Zion Baptist Church of Lawrence county sent in their Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage by their pastor, Rev. Archie Davis. The offering amounted to \$22.77. The Orphanage is grateful to this church for such a good offering. (Editor's note: This is an EVERY FAMILY Plan church.)

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

"They . . . went everywhere preaching the Word." Acts 8:4.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

There is some prospect of paper rationing for denominational periodicals. In this case, it may be necessary for us to prorate advertising space. It is probable that the ratio will be based upon the amount of advertising given by each institution, agency, and business for the twelve to twenty-four months preceding rationing. Blessings upon you.

THANKSGIVING

For ALL things beautiful, and good, and
For things that seemed not good yet turned to good;
For all the sweet compulsions of Thy will
That chastened, tried, and wrought us to Thy shape;
For things unnumbered that we take of right
And value first when they are with-held;
For light and air; sweet sense of sound and smell;
For ears to hear the heavenly harmonies;
For eyes to see the unseen in the seen;
For vision of the worker in the work;
For hearts to apprehend Thee everywhere—
WE THANK THEE, LORD.

—John Oxenham.

II

We regretted having to leave the Washington, D. C., Citywide Evangelistic Campaign three days before it was over. We have not heard the final report from the last Sunday, which was supposed to be a great climactic day. We did hear before we left that more than four hundred persons had presented themselves for baptism, and over seven hundred for church membership. A Catholic priest presented himself for baptism. In one of our services a man came for baptism, testifying he had not been in church in twenty-four years. "You have done something a mother, sister, and others tried to get me to do and failed in," he said. Doxology!

We had the privilege of being with a very fine spirited pastor, namely, W. B. King.

A professor in a Washington school told us, "The only way out is religion. Boys from Sicily and Salerno tell me they never thought much about it before. Now, they testify they are giving thought to worthwhile religion." Contrast—that an individual was found there in the Capital City of the U. S. A. who had never seen a Bible.

In ten years Washington has gained 85 per cent in population while Baptists have gained 44 per cent, plus; Lutherans have gained 44 per cent; Methodists 27 percent; and Presbyterians 14 per cent.

A very prominent Christian leader, whose name we are not privileged to give, tells us that of the 100 leaders on Capitol Hill who really shape the laws of the land, only four or six apparently consider their church relationship and spiritual experience as vital.

It was a distinct privilege to be with Dr. Leo Eddleman and his fine people at Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky. We had to rush away Sunday night, leaving some twelve or fifteen people on the front seats, having responded to the invitation.

Dr. and Mrs. Eddleman are truly great spirits, as we would expect missionary hearts to be. The church is growing by leaps and bounds. Coming into Louisville and noting some tall church spires, we thought, "It is not the church spires that reach farthest into the skies that count the most, but it is the church that carries Christ farthest unto the most people."

A soldier wrote Parkland church, "Please thank the man who, as my Sunday school teacher, taught me the way of Christ."

The pastor told of a six-year-old girl who, during the examination for church membership, prayed, "Jesus, help those children next door—oh, the language they use." Dr. Eddleman knew she was all right.

We heard of a new class on our trip, namely, "The 5-W's"—"We Won't Work With Williams."

A Jewish doctor in Jerusalem accepted Jesus and other Jews actually spat on him as he passed them on the street.

A wounded soldier in a hospital was heard to cry, "Here, here." A nurse went over and aroused him. He said, "I dreamed I went to heaven, and they were calling the roll. They called my name and I was answering." Now, let's join in singing, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There."

Another pleasing testimony out of our mid-Winter Soul-Winning Crusade: Charles Whitten, now at the Louisville Seminary, said at that time he had been preaching for one year, and no one had confessed Christ under his ministry. He had led his church to participate in the Winter Crusade and until the last service, no one had come accepting Jesus. On the last verse of the last invitation song, one came, and then—ten came, and all of them for baptism. He said, "I was on the mountain top." He also said, "I had to stand on the bus all the way back to Clinton on my return trip—but what did that matter!"

III

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST BAPTISMS

Record of Eighteen Years

The record follows:

1925	12,208
1926	10,925
1927	10,268
1928	10,048
1929	9,843
1930	11,740
1931	10,231
1932	10,334
1933	9,921
1934	9,776
1935	10,367
1936	10,375
1937	10,128
1938	13,393
1939	12,282
1940	13,367
1941	11,242
1942	12,093

Notwithstanding the fact that a decline in baptisms is usually witnessed during war days, Mississippi Baptists maintained their average in Evangelistic fruitfulness last year. This was probably due in some good measure to the work of the "Winter Soul Winning Crusade." When complete reports for that crusade are not available we know that around 500 churches participated, with 2,000 baptisms, 2,000 converts not baptized, and 2,000 consecrations.

IV

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS MARCH TO VICTORY

We give below amounts given to all causes beyond the local church since 1915 through October 1943.

Mississippi Baptists have shown a gracious and deep spiritual interest in the work of Christ during these years and a steady growth in every phase of the work. It is gratifying, in this period of war and confusion, to see God's people marching to victory in His Name.

Date	Co-operative Program	Designated	5M & Now Club	Total
1915	\$100,470.93			\$100,470.93
1916	103,207.22			103,207.22
1917	117,330.95			117,330.95
1918	160,984.06			160,984.06
1919	200,044.11			200,044.11
1920	699,994.91			699,994.91
1921	539,303.29			539,303.29
1922	387,913.96			387,913.96
1923	475,216.45			475,216.45
1924	402,829.04			402,829.04
1925	330,057.42	\$ 32,349.92		362,407.34
1926	282,982.56	50,703.57		333,686.13
1927	275,146.78	41,730.88		316,877.66
1928	278,089.49	48,190.69		326,280.18
1929	217,014.98	96,839.41		313,854.39
1930	206,067.41	135,714.87		341,714.87
1931	141,097.15	119,390.31		260,487.46
1932	101,526.76	80,457.68		181,984.44
1933	65,528.73	37,730.75		100,259.48
1934	82,396.55	75,405.38		157,801.93
1935	81,293.56	100,885.02		182,178.58
1936	93,025.60	76,144.47	\$ 33,444.91	202,614.98
1937	100,415.24	73,584.20	31,807.36	205,206.80
1938	101,320.56	69,442.54	23,991.35	194,754.45
1939	103,920.72	59,741.21	17,178.87	202,692.45
1940	118,266.14	93,895.08	37,448.36	257,837.99
1941	136,237.10	146,543.52	89,060.21	371,841.21
1942	194,317.26	268,759.93	112,832.23	575,909.51
1943	269,036.40	345,724.16	130,745.19	745,505.75

PASCAGOULA HAS DOUBLE SURPRISE PARTY

A "double surprise" party was staged by members of the First Baptist Church at Pascagoula recently in honor of Dr. L. E. Green's second anniversary as pastor and R. A. Marston's first anniversary as educational director.

The party was announced as a department social. An interesting program was arranged, with W. W. Robinson serving as master of ceremonies. The "surprise feature" came when a beautiful corsage was pinned on Mrs. Green and a red rose on the pastor; then Mr. Marston presented a chenille bedspread and a satin down comfort to the astonished couple. The "double surprise" came immediately afterward when exactly the same thing was done for the Marstons, who had shared in the "secret" of surprising the Greens.

The musicians, singers and speakers who took part in the program of the

TALLY BERRY

Tally Berry, who was a faithful member of the Harrisville Baptist Church for many years, died September 30, 1943. He was 65 years old. He leaves behind a wife, Mrs. Letha Berry, five daughters: Mrs. C. O. Moore, California; Mrs. C. D. Scarborough, Harrisville; Mrs. Hugh Scarborough, Harrisville; Mrs. L. L. Haynes, Pearl Harbor; Mrs. Harold Barlow, Braxton; two sons: Clarence Berry, Akron, Ohio, and B. F. Berry, Mobile, Alabama; one sister, Mrs. L. D. Spell, Sr., Georgetown; one brother, Steve Berry, Braxton, and fifteen grandchildren. Burial was in Harrisville cemetery.—Mrs. C. D. Scarborough.

evening included: Mrs. Walter Trehern, Mrs. P. J. Higginbotham, Miss Minnie Mae Lennep, Mrs. William Lowe, Mrs. S. B. McIlwain, Warren Lowry, Wilson Woodall, William Lowe, Dr. S. B. McIlwain, Hermes Gautier, W. W. Robinson and H. B. Harrison.

Mrs. W. B. Robertson and Mrs. B. W. Stokes presided at the punch bowl as the party was concluded with the serving of refreshments.

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LET US GIVE THANKS

"We have not known the bitter path
That Belgium trod, and stricken
France:

We have not felt the fiery wrath
That marked the foeman's grim advance.

We have not passed through blood
and flame,
And stood at last, hard pressed, at
bay.

"We have not seen our fertile lands
Laid waste, our homes a pyre of pain,
Our children lose their baby hands,
Our maidens ravished, tortured, slain.
Our sacred altars know not shame.
We still may kneel to them and pray."

Even though the world is bathed in
blood, our sons facing daily dangers,
our food and gasoline rationed and
wartime expenses mounting, yet in
these dark and distressing days
there are multitudes of things for
which our people can return thanks.

When we think of the bloodshed,
suffering and sacrifices of other people
of other lands, we should be
ashamed to be anything but thankful.
Let us remember that we are
comparatively safe while others are
in deadly danger. We know of no one
who has missed a single meal—while
many in other lands are cold and
hungry. Our forefathers met the
desolation of war in our own land,
tightened their belts and managed to
get along. These present days are
nothing compared with the dark
days of 1861-65 and the devastating
days of Reconstruction.

And though gold stars appear on
many flags, we should be thankful
that so far many homes have no sons
among those that will never come
back.

We should be thankful for a land
where freedom of worship and freedom
of conscience are still facts and
not mere dreams.

We should be eternally grateful for
our country. Although there are

many imperfections, yet America is
the best place on earth to live.

We should be everlastingly thankful
that Southern Baptists are at last
getting out from under the crushing
burden of debt. In a few weeks our
Southwide debts will be but a memory,
and our state debt is crumbling
like snow under the midday sun.

Another thing for which we ought
always to praise God is the fact now
being demonstrated that brain and
brawn, however strong they may be,
when separated from right and justice,
and from a clear conscience, always
have and always will fail. Under all
rules of warfare, under all cold
calculations of mathematicians, Germany
should have won this war. She was
better prepared, had more men, better
trained, and munitions piled to the sky.
But she did not have right with her,
and as God has always decreed and
enforced, she is losing. Any man starting
out without right on his side is like a
ship without a rudder. Let us not fail
to thank and continue to thank our
God that He has remained true to us
and to the right in this great conflict,
even though at times it would seem
as though He had hidden His face from
us.

"Praise God from whom all blessings
flow."

—BR—

AS WE SAW THE CONVENTION

Mississippi Baptists may well be
proud of the recent State Convention
which was held in Jackson. It was
a great meeting from any standpoint.

In spite of gas rationing, limited
hotel accommodations, crowded trains,
bulging buses and other wartime
inconveniences, the attendance was
good.

It may well be called a Victory
Convention. The messengers had a
feeling of triumph. Many messengers
came from churches that had recently
gone from the throes of strangling
debt to the freedom of debtless land.
The hearts of many were glad because
all Southwide Boards and institutions
were out of debt and Mississippi was
within sight of the promised land of
No Debt.

Being blessed with good officers,
such as President E. C. Williams, Vice
President M. P. L. Berry and Secretary
pro tem George Gay, the Convention
started off on the main track and
stayed there.

The spirit of harmony and cooperation
was better than we have seen it in
fourteen consecutive Conventions. All
of this promises large dividends in the
years to come.

Among the many reasons for the
triumphant feeling of those present are:

1. Just as the old hymn refers to
"The Lights of Home," so can Mississippi
Baptists see the prospects of a

debtless day and that day is not far
off.

2. The receipts in the Convention
Board office were the greatest in the
history of Mississippi Baptists.

3. The circulation of The Baptist
record reaches an all-time high of
36,315 with nearly 700 churches using
the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

4. State Mission work in all its
forms attained new records.

5. All our Southwide Boards and
institutions reported all debts paid.

6. The report of Executive Secretary
McCall was enough in itself to have
made the Convention a great one. He
knows how to inspire as well as how
to accomplish.

All the agencies, the Sunday school,
the Training Union, Woman's Missionary
Union, the Orphanage, the Hospital,
the colleges brought inspiring reports.

Surely with the inspiration of such
a great Convention, Mississippi Baptists
will put forth great efforts to make
the coming year even greater.

—BR—

HURRAH FOR THE BROTHERHOODS

In another column is an article by
Dr. J. E. Dillard with the title, "Hurrah
for the Brotherhoods."

Brotherhood Secretary Lawson H.
Cooke and those associated with him
have pledged the aid of their organization
to help make Southern Baptists
Debt-Free in '43.

They deserve our fullest cooperation.

We can cooperate by:

1. Every Hundred Thousand Club
member paying up before December
31.

2. Let all who have not yet had a
share in paying these debts make an
offering. And NOW is the time.

3. Let each paid up member of the
Hundred Thousand Club make an extra
offering.

EVERY LITTLE OR LARGE BIT
HELPS.

—BR—

The many friends over the state
of S. C. Ray, for many years deacon
at the First Baptist Church, Durant,
will regret to learn of his sudden
death Monday, November 22. He is
survived by one daughter, Mrs. W. G.
Mize, Jackson; and four sons, B. F.
Ray, Durant; Sgt. Charles M. Ray,
somewhere overseas; Sgt. Robert J.
Ray, Avalon, California; and Sgt.
Miles Ray, Fort Benning, Georgia.
Joe Ray, a brother, died two weeks
ago and was buried at Brookhaven.

The many friends of Dr. W. H.
Sumrall, Mississippi College dean, will
be glad to know that he is rapidly
improving from his recent illness.

Highland reports a good day Sunday,
November 21. There was one addition
for baptism. Receipts amounted to
\$554.00. Special offering for the Baptist
Orphanage has reached \$273.00 and more
is to come. Six persons who made
profession of faith at recent services
await the ordinance of baptism.—B. B.
Hilburn, pastor.

ANOTHER VETERAN EDITOR RETIRES

One of Southern Baptists' greatest
editors, Dr. F. M. McConnell, of the
Texas Baptist Standard, has announced
that he will retire at the close of 1943.

He became editor of The Baptist
Standard in 1928. The circulation then
was only a few thousand. It now is
over 100,000 weekly. When he became
editor, Texas Baptists had many internal
problems as well as large and burdensome
debts. He has led wisely and well along
progressive lines. And as he steps aside
he leaves Texas Baptists debt free, greatly
unified and Baptist Standard-conscious.

When we became circulation manager
of The Baptist Record in 1935 we wrote
various editors for any suggestions they
might have. Dr. McConnell was one of
two who wrote offering worthwhile
suggestions. Others wrote. As we have
had fellowship with him at various meetings
we have been impressed with his wisdom
and his ability to see through things.

And now at 81 (he acts and looks
nearer 60) he steps aside to enjoy some
well-earned rest. But if his hand is not
at the helm of The Baptist Standard the
results of his work will bear fruit in Texas
for years to come.

—BR—

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we
consider one of the best editorials
coming to our attention.—Editor.

MODESTY

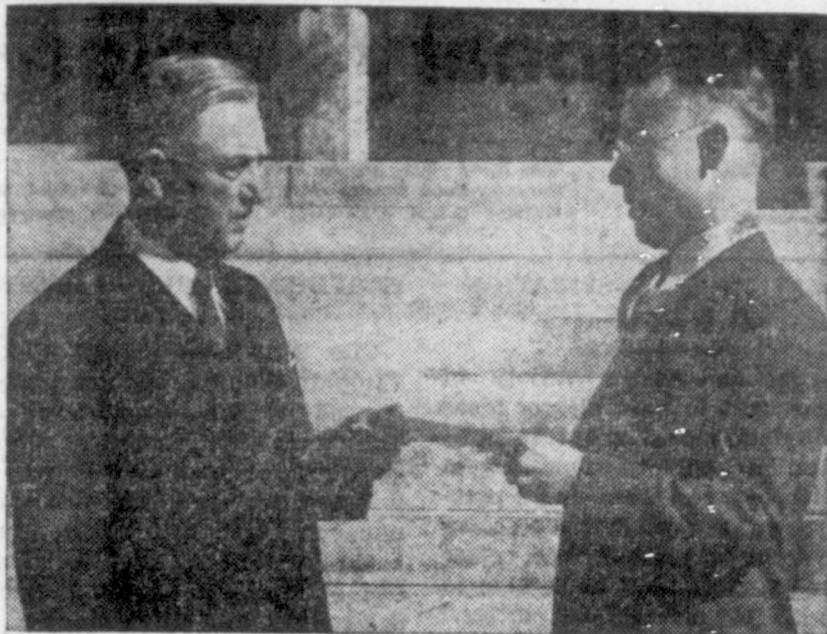
Who can estimate the value of a
modest woman? She is worth more
than rubies or diamonds for the value
of the home centers in her. Her sweet-
heart can love her with confidence
and her husband can build around
her all the wealth of the most valuable
thing in this world—a Christian home.

A modest woman dresses with propriety
and consistent taste and makes her
main adornment a pure, noble character
and good works. She avoids all sorts
of dress and conduct which would stir
evil thoughts or detract to the least
extent from the highest regard of the
noblest, purest minded observer. There
is no influence that for strength and
helpfulness can be compared to association
with a lovely, modest woman.

When the Christian home is gone,
all that is worthwhile will be lost. It
will be gone when modesty is surrendered.
The time has come in this country
when in the relations of life, at home,
on the street, in public places, everywhere,
the priceless quality of modesty should
be magnified so as to rule in the
acquisition of beautiful character and
the proper estimate of women wherever
seen.—Baptist Standard.

—BR—

CORRECTION: We need \$50,000
CASH on our \$104,000 bond call
December 1, 1943.



TRAINING UNION PRESENTS \$345 CHECK TO A. J. WILDS

We wish to express to the church correspondents of the various churches in Mississippi and to all those who took part in making it possible to give to our state Training Union secretary the nice love offering which was given to him at our State Baptist Convention, our thanks and appreciation.

Some of our Training Unions were of the opinion that this offering would be given to Mr. Wilds at the State Training Union Convention in December, while others wishing to take part in it failed to receive our letter about the plans for the offering. If there are those who still wish to make a contribution, you may mail it to Earl Clark, 2209 St. Charles Street, Jackson, 22, Miss.

EARL CLARK,
CLIFTON TATE,
Committee.

Earl Clark of Jackson (right) presents Auber J. Wilds of Oxford, secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Training Union, with a check for \$345 for his services to state Baptists. The money, obtained from voluntary contributions, will be used by Wilds to visit the four states he has never visited when transportation facilities permit. "I count my friends as my dearest heritage," he said. When Wilds first assumed the duties of his post there were but 252 unions in about 100 state churches and there are now approximately 900 churches with unions totaling about 3000. With the exception of the state bookkeeper he has served longer than any other Convention worker and with the exception of the Texas secretary has served longer than any other member in the Southern Baptist Convention. He has held the post for 25 years. The check was presented during the 107th Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Proceedings Of The Mississippi Baptist Convention

Jackson, Mississippi
November 16, 1943

1. With the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "Amazing Grace" the 107th session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention was called to order by the President E. C. Williams.
2. By motion and vote of the convention all members present knowing themselves to be delegates, and those registering as delegates during the Convention were enrolled as delegates.
3. H. L. Martin of Senatobia moved and L. G. Gates of Laurel seconded, in the absence of the regular secretary Walton Lee, that George Gay of Okolona be elected to serve during this convention.
4. T. D. Brown of Hattiesburg brought the devotional of the morning using as his text I Cor. 3:1-9.
5. The committee on Committees was named by the president and was composed of the following men: L. W. Ferrel, G. C. Hodge, O. P. Estes, C. W. Thompson, J. D. Walker, W. C. Howard and W. E. Cooper.
6. The order of business was presented and adopted as prepared by the committee with any necessary changes to be made during the session by the vote of the convention.
7. The President of the Convention, E. C. Williams brought a challenging message in which he stressed Seeing the Need, co-operating in meeting the need, and is not quitting when the difficulties become greater. He used as his text Mark 2:1-12.
8. Thomas T. Holloway of the American Bible Society spoke of the work among the armed forces of the United States and of the distribution of the Bi-

ble among peoples of other languages. All this done by the help of Southern Baptists and others contributing to the work.

9. Resolutions were read and referred to the committee on resolutions for their study and report to the Convention at the proper time for discussion. One resolution from Neshoba Association relating to work among the Negroes was referred to the committee on order of business, that a definite time might be set for its discussion.

10. Amendment to the constitution of the convention changing article eleven was read by Bryan Simmons and time was set for its discussion at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

11. A paper on "Religious Liberty" was read by J. D. Franks and referred to a special committee named by the president.

12. New pastors and visitors to the Convention were recognized and welcomed by Editor A. L. Goodrich.

13. Mrs. O. M. Jones of the Baptist Book Store made announcements regarding the work of the book store.

14. W. L. Compere spoke briefly on church music, evangelistic singing, and asked for a meeting of all evangelistic singers and ministers of music that he might organize a "convention choir."

15. Bro. McCall presented the Convention Board Report and it was adopted. He also spoke briefly on the "debt situation."

16. The Convention sermon was preached by B. E. Phillips of New Hebron, on the subject, "Some Distinctive Baptist Principles." The message was a real challenge to preachers of the doctrines of the Baptist faith. The

sermon was printed in the last week's issue.

Evening First Day

17. The session was opened with a song service led by W. L. Compere, and the convention choir. Special music was presented by the First Baptist church.

18. The committee on committees made its report in full at this time.

19. The Report on Home Missions was presented and spoken to by Joe Burton of the Home Mission Board. He used as his text I John 4:20. He emphasized that Southern Baptists have not shown their love for the Lord in carrying out the task of Home Missions.

20. The Convention choir sang "My Jesus, I Love Thee." Special music was rendered by a Mississippi College Group.

21. The Committee on Religious Liberty was appointed as follows: J. D. Franks, F. O. Martin and J. B. Parker.

22. The Report on Foreign Missions was presented by J. D. Franks and spoken to by C. E. Maddy of the Foreign Mission Board. He represented Miss Minnie Landrum, Missionary to Brazil and Mr. and Mrs. V. L. David, Missionaries to Argentina, and spoke on the subject, "Is God at Work Among the Nations?" Our hearts were stirred.

Morning Session — Second Day

25. The convention opened with song service led by W. L. Compere and a devotional period led by Joe T. Odle of Crystal Springs.

26. The minutes of the sessions of the preceding day were read and approved.

27. On the election of officers E. C. Williams was unanimously chosen for president again. For first and second vice-presidents L. E. Green and G. C. Hodge were chosen. Walton Lee was continued as recording secretary.

28. The Committee on Review of the Convention Board Report made its report and it was adopted.

29. The Committee on Social Service Report brought its report and it was adopted.

30. As a special order set the day the presentation of an amendment to change the constitution was considered. The amendment was adopted. (See report).

31. The matter of the Baptist Foundation was discussed by several of the brethren, and after much debate was voted on by the convention favorably and the nomination of trustees of the foundation was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

32. F. M. Purser of Oxford brought a stirring talk on Temperance, in which he challenged all Baptists to go "all the way" in their fight against the evils of widespread use and sale of intoxicating drink. The convention voted hearty approval and instructed Editor Goodrich to have the message printed in The Baptist Record.

33. Norman Cox spoke briefly on the subject of "voting out the sale of whiskies and beer 'county by county' if necessary. He advised co-operation with Mississippi Anti Saloon League workers, to insure proper and effective action.

34. The report of the Work of the Baptist Orphanage was presented by W. G. Mize.

35. Mrs. Karenza Gilfay brought the report of the Baptist Hospital.

36. The report of the Baptist Record was brought by Editor A. L. Goodrich, and with the help of others he presented attractively the Baptist Record facts which acquainted the convention with the Every Family Plan.

37. The report of the Relief and Annuity Board was presented by Norman Cox, with discussion to be heard at the close of the convention at the evening hour.

Afternoon Session — Second Day

29. Session opened with the singing

of hymns led by W. L. Compere. The convention quoted scripture in concert, using Psalm 103:1-2. Prayer was led by C. S. Thomas of Jackson.

40. Miss Ruth Garcia spoke on behalf of the Baptist Student Union. Miss Garcia, a native of Argentina, is a student in the Blue Mountain College. Her message was inspirational.

41. E. C. Williams presented the Sunday School Report and gave the time to T. L. Holcomb, of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

A. J. Wilds spoke on Baptist Training Union. At the conclusion of his report Earl Clark presented him a check for \$345.00 as a gift of love from the B.T.U. of Mississippi.

42. T. L. Holcomb spoke on behalf of the Sunday School Board. Phil. 2:15 —challenged us to go forward in the work of Sunday School and B.T.U. using the theme "Shine as lights in the World."

43. Report of Committee on Church Music was made by Carl Kosanke.

44. Concerning work among Negroes in Mississippi, responding to Neshoba Memorial, the convention votes that the Executive Committee be instructed to set aside sufficient funds to employ a full time worker among the colored race in Mississippi.

45. Christian Education report was spoken to by L. T. Lowrey of Blue Mountain, D. M. Nelson of Mississippi College, and J. L. Boyd of Clarke Memorial. Special music was rendered by a group from Clarke College.

46. G. M. McWilliams gave the report on Mississippi Woman's College.

47. Report on Ministerial education was presented by M.P.L. Berry and spoken to by H. E. Spell.

48. Report of the Committee on Review of the Education Commission Report was made by L. B. Campbell.

49. Report of the Radio Committee presented by Claude B. Bowen, and adopted.

50. At the W.M.U. period Mississippi W.M.U. President, Mrs. J. H. Street spoke and presented Miss Fannie Traylor and Miss Edwina Robinson.

51. Adjournment prayer by G. S. Jenkins.

Wednesday Night

52. The song service was led by Troy Prince of Brookhaven. Special Music was beautifully rendered by the Choir of the First Baptist Church of Jackson. Guy Little of Pinola led in prayer.

53. A message of Red Cross was presented by Mrs. Flavia Derby of Red Cross Home Service.

54. D. A. McCall presented the Convention Board, The Education Commission, the enlistment pastors and the office force. He brought a message dealing with the various phases of the State Missions, showing the emphasis Jesus gave to State (Judean) Missions using John's Gospel, chapter by chapter to show Jesus spending much time in Judean Missions.

55. The Convention sang, "Rescue the Perishing." Pfc. Bob Thompson, of the Flora Ordnance Plant, sang, "Faith of Our Fathers."

56. John W. Sheppard of B. B. I., spoke at the Seminary period.

57. Chaplains were recognized and Chaplains Thomas, Howell and Truett were called to the platform. Capt. Carlin spoke as chaplain of the army.

58. Norman Cox discussed the Minister's Retirement Plan set as special order for this evening.

59. The group adjourned after prayer by B. L. McKee.

Morning Service, Third Day (Thursday)

60. H. W. Shirley led in the devotional period using Matt. 13:51-52.

61. Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

62. O. B. Taylor presented the report of the Baptist Bequest Committee.

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Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
Community Missions—Mrs. Laven Boyles, Laurel, Miss.
Vice-President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.

President—Mrs. J. H. Street, Hazlehurst, Miss.
Executive Secretary—Miss Fannie Traylor
Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson

Miss Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, Miss.
Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Centerville.

THE W. M. U. RECORD OF PROGRESS

W. M. U. Report to State Convention

Periods of anguish, trial, sufferings and sorrow inevitably bring members of families into a closer fellowship and cooperation. The same is true of our denominational family—our churches with their organizations are becoming more and more a single unit of power in promoting a crusade for Christ as we have looked together at a bleeding world while the war rages. This is proved by the reports given at this Convention. In times like these God has used faithful men and women to begin great forward steps in His world-wide kingdom. Our missionaries are being recognized by national statesmen and the secular press as the greatest instruments for international peace in the world today. Consequently, Woman's Missionary Union recognizes her responsibility as an auxiliary to continue and strengthen the missionary program as promoted by our churches.

PRAYER—Similar experiences of suffering and anguish brought about because of this cruel war has emphasized the importance of the prayer program of Woman's Missionary Union and has helped us to see our real opportunity to promote international peace through our Seasons of Prayer. Since our last Convention our women and young people have given to Foreign and Home Missions during those two seasons of prayer more than \$50,000. These offerings were given by 1622 of our organizations that met to pray and give that the Kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou art the Lord, even Thou only. We cannot give you the results financially of our State Mission Season of Prayer but we believe our offering will be a worthy one.

MISSION STUDY—"No spot on earth is more than 60 hours flying time from your local airport," is a sentence from a recent magazine. This was also read, "When victory has been won, air power, in the hands of the freedom loving nations of this 60-hour-wide-world, can well become the strong right arm of peace." This will become true if this air power is controlled by those who know the Prince of Peace and recognize the nations as our neighbors. Woman's Missionary Union through its study program is leading its members to become increasingly world conscious. We have a course of study which is designed to develop missionary minded women and young people ready to go into all the world with their praying, their giving and their lives.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS—No, we do not claim to have reached the high goal of every member a tither, but in our stewardship program we have set that as a chief aim. Through the necessity of having to give our best in men and money and materials to conserve our Christian ideals, there has been revealed to us the need to be more desperately earnest about this matter of stewardship. This is God's way—let us walk in it. We are asking

the churches to join with us in earnest prayer for a great revival of Christian stewardship. 'Tis true our gifts have greatly increased this year but not in proportion to the amount invested in war bonds.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE—By this time the majority of us know of the work of Woman's Missionary Union in its missionary education program for our young people. All of us are looking forward to the time when we can expend our efforts and energies in building a new world. The task is big enough to challenge our youth to invest their lives in making His way known. Our regular program for them is planned to lead them to become world minded citizens of the Kingdom of God.

Under adverse circumstances 13 camp periods instead of the 18 of 1942 were held this past summer but we had only 92 less boys and girls in attendance. The program was definitely missionary, made so by the missionary speakers and mission study teachers.

In our last year's report we told you something of our plans for providing a camp for our young people. When we were planning our Week of Prayer program for State Missions our Committee asked permission to designate all over and above \$15,000 given for State Missions, for our camp. We hope in this way to provide the necessary funds to build without making an extra call for building funds.

Seeing the field is white already unto harvest and a large number of our churches still have no missionary program, we have employed Miss Edna Hickman, a recent graduate of our W. M. U. Training School as field worker. She is a consecrated young woman well fitted for hard work and stands ready to go wherever there is a need. If any pastor will plan definitely for her to go to some of his churches, we are ready to cooperate.

Science has amazed us with its many discoveries such as the yellow magic of penicillin, radar, etc., but the world is waiting yet to see the power of God through a great body of consecrated Christians. Would that Mississippi Baptists would consecrate themselves to the task of working together with Him that all the Kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou art the Lord and Thou only.

FANNIE TRAYLOR,
Executive Secretary.

TEN BEST BOOKS

1. "Not Your Own," by Clara Hill Cooper.
2. "The Deeper Voice," by Annie Steger Winston.
3. "Quiet Talks on Home Ideal," S. D. Gordon.
4. "The Pre-eminence of Jesus Christ," W. A. Crouch.
5. "A Biography of A. T. Robertson," Gill.
6. "The Great Refusal," Hillis.
7. "Jesus is Coming," Wm. E. Blackstone.
8. "Fanny Crosby, Story of Ninety-,"
9. "George W. Truett," P. W. James.
10. "New Bible Evidences," Marston.

REVELATION AND INSPIRATION

P. I. Lipsey

The common garden variety of Christian ought to have clearer ideas about revelation and about inspiration. And he ought to know how to distinguish between them. As a matter of fact we know no more necessary ingredient of education, nor better means of progress than to be able to "distinguish the things that differ." See Philippians 1:10, American Standard Version, translation in the margin. If you don't have one of that sort, it's time you were getting one. It will do you good than some commentaries I have seen.

But back to the subject of Revelation and Inspiration. They are not to be confused with one another, though they may be often linked together. Revelation means the uncovering of what was before hidden or unknown. Moses needed a revelation in order that he might know the things which he tells us about in the first chapters of Genesis. Only God knew how the universe came into being. Moses wasn't there nor was any other man. The only way Moses could know how the world and the universe came into being was for God to tell him. That constituted a revelation. He probably learned about the entrance of sin into the world in the same way. And he could write beforehand the account of his own death in the same way. And when the people gathered at the foot of Sinai, God gave a revelation of Himself to them.

Isaiah had a revelation of God in the year that King Uzziah died. Paul was brought to faith in Christ by a revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave him on the way to Damascus. And he says that is the way he also got his knowledge of the Lord's Supper. He says he "received it of the Lord." There were many other things which he learned from other apostles, not by revelation, for he says that he went to Jerusalem to "historicize Peter," Gal. 1:18. But there were some things which he did not get from man nor through man. One of them certainly was the gospel which he preached. So John also had a revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave him. Rev. 1:1.

Revelation is one method of getting truth or information. But not all the things which are told us in the Bible were given by revelation. But all things that are given us in the Bible are given by inspiration. Luke did not learn by revelation the things about Jesus which he tells us in his gospel; for he tells us that he "traced the course of all things accurately," "even as they delivered them unto us who were eye witnesses and ministers of the word."

Revelation is one way in which the writers in the Bible got the knowledge which they sought to impart to

Four Years," Jackson.

10. "New Bible Evidences," Marston.
R. A. EDDLEMAN.

PROVIDENCE CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE

The Providence Baptist Church (Tippah county) was completely destroyed by fire about eleven o'clock Tuesday night. Only the piano and two or three pews were saved. When it was discovered, the fire was well under way and there was nothing that could be done to stop it. This was one of the best church buildings in the county, and was completed about 10 years ago at a cost of approximately \$6,000.00. Rev. R. M. Lewis is the pastor at the present time. The church building was not locked, and we understand that some boys were in and around the church just before the fire started. There was a jug of gasoline in the building, for use in the church lamps, and it apparently had been handled by someone, probably intending to start a fire in the stove. However, those who arrived at the church found that no fire had been started in the stove. There was no insurance on the building.

We understand that they plan to rebuild the church as soon as possible, and that in the meantime services will be held in the school building. The Providence church is one of the oldest and most active Baptist churches in the county, and the many friends of the members throughout the county deeply regret their misfortune.

us.

But knowing a thing is not always accompanied by the ability to tell it properly and accurately. The Lord did not leave his prophets of the Old or New Testament without imparting to them the ability to communicate to others what they knew, with perfect accuracy. This enabling of the prophets and apostles to state with unfailing accuracy the truths and facts of their messages is what is meant by inspiration.

The Lord would not allow the apostles to undertake their ministry of preaching the gospel of the Kingdom until they had received the special outpouring of the Spirit of God. In interpreting the mind of God to men, they needed the guidance of the Spirit. This Jesus promised them. And they claimed the fulfillment of the promise. Paul says in First Corinthians 2:12f, "But we received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might know the things that were freely given to us of God." "But it is not merely to know them, but to tell them, for he adds, "which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth." And later on he says: "If any man thinketh himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him take knowledge of the things which I write unto you that they are the commandment of the Lord." The message of the Bible is of too much importance to be left to the unaided intellect of man, to be preserved accurately and declared authoritatively. They "spoke from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit."

GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b:
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



REV. ARCHIE DAVIS

New Zion Church, Lawrence County Is No. 672

One of the recent additions to the growing list of EVERY FAMILY churches is New Zion church, Lawrence county. Archie Davis is pastor and has been for the past seven years. Having made progress in other directions, the pastor now beginning his eighth year has now led the church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Lawrence county now has Record readers listed as follows: Antioch 7; BETHEL 22; Calvary 6; CARMEL 32; CROOKED CREEK 25; DECEDOS 15; Jayess 2; MONTICELLO 88; NEW HEBRON 65; NEW HOPE 62; NEW ZION 16; NOLA 31; OAKVALE 35; Oma 1; PROVIDENCE 16 SAUL'S VALLEY 20; SHILOH 49; OLD SILVER CREEK 32; SILVER CREEK 52; Wanilla 1; Pleasant Hill 1, and TOPEKA 20.

ESTES DOES IT AGAIN

New Montpelier Church is No. 673

A recent letter from Enlistment Pastor E. D. Estes brings an EVERY FAMILY list from New Montpelier church in Clay county. We understand that he "only" got about four EVERY FAMILY lists at the recent meeting of the Clay County Association. We must apologize for him. He would have done better but Clay county does not have a large number of churches.

Clay county's Record readers are now listed as follows: Cedar Bluff 12; PHEBA 24; WEST END 31; WEST POINT FIRST 79; Hebron 2; and NEW MONTEPELIER 12.

Union

We found Dr. Chester M. Savage greatly delighted over the work at Union. He is just beginning his second year. During the past year there were 66 additions and \$8,700 in contributions.

They are three years ahead of schedule in payments on the church property and expect to be completely debt free in the near future.

Newton county now has Record readers listed as follows: BETHEL 18; Beulah 1; CENTER RIDGE 15; CHUNKY 24; CLARKE VENERABLE 91; CONEHATTA 37; GOOD HOPE 12;

OKLAHOMAN GIVES \$100,000



MR. PHILLIPS AMONG THE CHILDREN AT THE ORPHANAGE

A gift of \$100,000 by the Frank Phillips Foundation to the Oklahoma Baptist Orphans' Home in Oklahoma City was announced Saturday by Dr. Andrew Potter, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, and Governor Robert S. Kerr, chairman of the Convention's Orphans' Home committee. The gift is to be matched by \$150,000 given by Oklahoma Baptists.

Mr. Phillips, Bartlesville oil man, visited the Baptist Orphanage recently and inspected the new cottages which were completed last year. Final approval of the gift from the Foundation was received five days later.

In his letter of approval, Phillips wrote, "I am entering into this program with only one purpose in mind, and that is to help take care of the orphans of the Oklahoma Baptist Orphans' Home. You may depend that the Frank Phillips Foundation will meet your requirements insofar as the \$100,000 commitment is concerned."

MISSION WORK AT WHITFIELD

During last summer an article appeared in the Record setting forth the need of, and the opportunities for, mission work at Mississippi State Hospital, Whitfield. Also, Dr. McCall, our State Secretary, recommended in the Record last summer that we begin mission work there.

There are some twenty-five hundred white patients there in the course of a year. About 40% are returned home. They are a fair cross section of our population. There are those needing salvation and there are many needing spiritual comfort and strengthening. Many feel a need of repentance and help to be unburdened from sin.

We are at the State Convention Board season. As I understand it, it rests with the State Board to appropriate funds for the work and employ the missionary. If you believe in this work please speak to the proper parties and lend your influence to the work.

Mental suffering and despondency is some of the worst suffering there is. Patients there, for various reasons, do not have anything like the number of visits from relatives and friends as when in the usual hospital. Christian ministering can fill a great need. Also, it is being found that the Bible and Christianity have great power for healing and helping many mental distresses. Religion is an important realm of the mind. See "The Church and Psychotherapy," by Stoltz (Baptist Book Store), and similar books and treatises. Many of Christ's miracles were to cure mental ills.

May His will be done and His king-

BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE SPEAKERS

Prominent speakers will appear on the program at the Baptist Bible Institute celebration Dec. 1-2. Dr. J. E. Dillard, of Nashville, Tenn., representing the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak at the Denominational Hour. At the Alumni Hour Dr. Carl Campbell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jefferson City, Mo., will be the main speaker. The outstanding feature of the whole celebration will be the inauguration of Pres. McCall and the delivery of his inaugural address. Come and enjoy the celebration with us.

P. H. ANDERSON.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Calvary Jackson	941	200
First Church Jackson	936	245
Wellman (Lincoln)	64	61
Mantee	117	
Olive Branch	89	52
Parkway	520	198
Enon (Panola)	59	71
Cross Roads (Webster)	95	
Bethlehem (Jones)	94	86
Linn	88	97
Crystal Springs	423	136
Ackerman	102	27
West Side Natchez	75	47
Ellistown	125	93
Cross Roads (Webster)		
Nov. 14	74	
New Albany	415	140
Highland	305	106

dom promoted in this cause.—S. O. Journey.

HICKORY 75; Lawrence 1; LIBERTY 54; Little Rock 3; MT. NEBO 11; Midway 1; Mt. Pleasant 2; Mt. Vernon 2; NEWTON 170; Oakland 1; PINKNEY 37; PROVIDENCE 25; Roberts 1; Rock Branch 10; ROCK HILL 16; STRATTON 12; UNION FIRST 161; PINE GROVE 12; DUFFEE 21; NEW IRELAND 23; and Hopewell 3.

Decatur

While the Decatur saints lament the going of Pastor C. B. Hamlett III and await the coming of Pastor W. A. Hogan we had the privilege of supplying for them on Sunday, November 4.

They are carrying on as though they had a pastor. The auditorium was practically full at both services.

We enjoyed good old time Southern hospitality in the home of the C. L. Jordans. Like us, their hearts are with their sons in the armed service.

Pastor Objects to EVERY FAMILY Plan

At the Copiah Association one pastor got up and said that he had two objections to the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record.

Objection number one: He said that his church sent The Baptist Record not only to the resident families but to members of other denominations as well. His objection was that he was baptizing lots of people from other denominations.

Objection number two: He said that no longer could he use the sermons that appear in The Baptist Record as all his people read them and would detect their source.

Pastor Says Record Readers Do Most

A recent letter from a good pastor in Mississippi states, "I know the people who read The Baptist Record in our church are the people who are doing most for our church and the work of Christ."

Said a Mississippi College Student

"I'd rather read The Baptist Record than study Greek for Dr. Kitchings." (Editor's note: Do both.)

STUDY THE ROLL CALL ON PAGE 13. IS YOUR CHURCH ON THE GLORY ROLL?

BAPTIST CONVENTION SETS HIGH AIMS FOR 1944

(Continued from Page One)

payments."

Pointing out that the remaining amount is all that is left of an original \$650,000 indebtedness on the education commission, Dr. McCall said that \$104,000 more would be called in on December 1, leaving a balance of only \$52,000 to be paid.

"This we should pay for Christ's sake, for the sake of His church, and for the lost millions who await the gospel."

He said the goal could be accomplished "if we pray about it, believe in it, give to the place it deserves, and pay it in the spirit of love."

Also he presented a twenty-one point program which had been previously adopted by the Convention Board. This program was as follows:

Mississippi Baptists Need—

1. A great summer assembly where hundreds would attend His service. A church, an individual, or an association might help make this possible by a grant.
2. A full corps of workers with the hundreds of thousands of Uncle Sam's service men in our State of Mississippi. An increase in State Missions will aid greatly in this.
3. A State Music Director. An individual or a church might provide funds for such a person's salary.
4. A BSU secretary for our State work. An individual or a church might provide funds for such a person's salary.
5. A State Brotherhood Director. An individual or a church would do a great work by donating money for this cause.
6. A fulltime worker with the Negroes of the State. An individual or a church might make possible this great work.
7. A worker at Whitfield. Patients are asking for this help.
8. A North Mississippi Rural Evangelist, Enlistment and God's Storehouse worker, and leave Brother B. S. Hilbun in South Mississippi. As Mr. LeTourneau made possible this fund in the case of Brother Hilbun, someone else might make possible the other.
9. A fulltime coast missionary. We recently saw how badly this is needed.
10. A fulltime missionary for Choc-taws in East Mississippi.
11. A fulltime missionary for Chinese work in the Delta.
12. A Baptist building. We have outgrown the present building. It is hardly in keeping with the great cause it represents. Some family would find in this an opportunity for a great memorial service. The name covers this State, throughout the South, and into all parts of the world.
13. District Bible schools held annually in every section of Mississippi. Our people, pastors and laymen, men and women, boys and girls, appreciate real Bible teaching.
14. An Endowment for Convention Board expenses. While we recognize this as preaching and promotional expense, well spent, a good investment, some of the brethren do not. In addition it is ammunition for the dishonest "anti."
15. Badly needed associational missionaries in at least a dozen neglected counties—and they are needed NOW.
16. A complete colportage service

to every rural section of the State.

17. Group of workers going from church to church in every county.

18. An association missionary in each association.

19. District stewardship revivals.

20. State Evangelistic Conference.

21. One million dollar goal for 1944.

In addition to the above twenty-one suggestions, the Convention Board on motion of H. L. Martin, seconded by G. C. Hodge suggested the three following recommendations:

1. Unanimously recommended that the seven (7) points "regarding the entire indebtedness picture" be adopted without change.

2. Recommendation of—MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST NEEDS outlined in twenty-one (21) points, (a) That these twenty-one (21) points be presented to the Convention for information. (b) That the Convention appoint a committee of five board members to study these twenty-one (21) points and any others, and recommend a definite, forward-looking program to the Convention Board at its December meeting.

3. Recommendation on Minister Retirement.

Following the address of Dr. McCall, Rev. B. E. Phillips of New Hebron, preached the Convention sermon. It was printed in full in last week's issue.

The outstanding features of the Wednesday evening session were the addresses by Joe W. Burton, Educational Director of the Home Mission Board, and Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

Dr. Maddry said that God has brought the United Nations together in one great group and that "they are moving toward a great victory."

Speaking at the first evening session of the Convention, Dr. Maddry said that "God is at work among the nations" which will "defeat the totalitarian powers."

"God is calling America to be the second Israel," he said. "The American way of life will triumph."

Dr. Maddry talked of the growth and development of America and said that when the "men return from the foreign battlefields they will be world-minded."

He also pointed out that the board's indebtedness has been paid in full and said that in 10 years \$1,621,643.56 was paid on debts of long standing.

"On May 12, 1943," he said, "the last shackle of debt which had imposed its bondage for about a generation was cut, and since then we have been free. This has been the year of emancipation for the Foreign Mission Board."

J. D. Franks, of Columbus, said that "about all of the missionaries who were interned in prison camps were among those repatriated and returned to America during the year and that already returned and en route are about 80 missionaries of the board."

Discussing the work of the Home Mission Board, Joe W. Burton told the Convention that for the first time since 1920 the board was out of debt and the final note of the indebtedness was paid May 12, 1943.

"When the final \$55,000 note was paid on that date," he said, "it terminated a struggle against debt for 15 years during which time the Home Mission Board paid a total of \$2,425,-431.91 on debts."

435 Workers in Field

The report showed that there are

435 workers on all fields and that during the year 13 new missionaries were added, 43 mission stations opened and six churches constituted.

On Wednesday morning officers were elected as follows: President, E. C. Williams; vice-presidents, L. E. Green of Pascagoula and G. C. Hodge of Biloxi; secretary, W. E. Lee.

After the election of officers, the Simmons resolution which had been presented by Bryan Simmons of Laurel was adopted. This action rescinded the action of the 1942 Convention which limited the terms of office of Convention Board members and members of boards of trustees to nine years. Terms of service are now unlimited.

The only controversial matter of the Convention was the question of a Mississippi Baptist Foundation. Several spoke both for and against the Foundation. Bryan Simmons' plan was to name the Executive Committee of the Convention Board, which is also the Education Commission, as a substitute for the proposed Baptist Foundation. The amendment was lost by a close vote.

After a spirited discussion and by a vote of 170 to 77 the Convention voted to establish a Mississippi Baptist Foundation to be organized to take over activities of the Convention's Baptist Bequest Committee and "to receive and administer all funds committed to the foundation through gifts, bequests, devises or otherwise as directed by the donors."

The report of the Foundation Committee was presented by W. N. Taylor, Jackson, and was supported in brief addresses by Mr. Taylor, Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Clinton; Dr. L. T. Lowrey, Blue Mountain; Dr. R. B. Gunter, Florence, and Dr. L. G. Gates, Laurel. The Convention named the following to serve as charter trustees of the Foundation: T. M. Hederman, Jr., Frank L. Fair, Louisville; Ed C. Polk, Hattiesburg; R. L. Covington, Hazlehurst; P. M. B. Self, Marks.

In connection with the social service report, Dr. F. M. Purser, Oxford, delivered a strong address on "Temperance." It was unanimously indorsed by the Convention.

Other agencies considered were the Baptist Orphanage, presented by Supt. W. G. Mize; The Baptist Hospital, discussed by Mrs. Karenza Gilfoxy; The Baptist Record, by Editor A. L. Goodrich; the Relief and Annuity Board, discussed by C. J. Olander, and Norman W. Cox; the Baptist Training Union, by Secretary Auber J. Wilds; the Baptist Student Union, presented by Miss Ruth Garcia; the Woman's Missionary Union, discussed by Miss Fannie Traylor, corresponding secretary, and Sunday school work, presented by Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, general secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

A very pleasing feature of the B. T. U. report was the presentation of a check for \$345 to Secretary A. J. Wilds as a love offering for 25 years faithful service as B. T. U. secretary. This came as a surprise from his friends over the state. It was pointed out that when he first assumed the duties of his post there were but 252 unions in about 100 churches in the state and there are now approximately 900 churches with unions totaling about 3,000.

With the exception of the book-keeper, it was said, Mr. Wilds has served longer than any other Con-

vention worker in the state, and with the exception of the Texas secretary has served longer than any other member of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Baptist colleges of the state were discussed by President L. T. Lowrey of Blue Mountain College; President D. M. Nelson, P. L. Berry and Dr. Howard E. Spell of Mississippi College, and others.

Dr. John W. Sheppard of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, gave the report on the Seminaries and Mrs. Flavia Derby, home service secretary of the Hinds County Red Cross chapter, Jackson, delivered the Red Cross message.

Chaplain Robert D. Carrin of Camp Van Dorn spoke on "Christ in the Camps."

At the Wednesday evening session, D. A. McCall speaking on State Missions said that in 1898 there were but 93,317 state Baptists as compared with more than 300,000 this year and that in the same year \$16,224 was given to all missions as compared with \$745,000 in 1943.

"Mississippi Baptists are giving more and more to state missions," Dr. McCall told the delegates. In giving the annual report on state missions, he said that "Judea figures in the life of Jesus" and that "Judea is synonymous with state missions."

The final session of the Convention came to a close on Thursday morning with an inspiring address by D. Swan Haworth, pastor First church, Vicksburg. His subject was "Working Together With God."

The 1944 Convention will be held at First church, Jackson, with A. B. Pierce, New Albany, preaching the Convention sermon and L. E. Green, Pascagoula, as alternate.

The session was devoted largely to committee reports, an address on the work of the Baptist Brotherhood by R. A. Springer, secretary of the Texas Brotherhood, a report from the Mississippi Historical Society by P. I. Lipsey and consideration of resolutions which had been referred to the Resolutions Committee, with John F. Carter as chairman.

Campaign Approved

The Convention protested against any weakening by the Legislature of the state's laws relating to liquor traffic, divorce and Sunday observance. It referred to a committee composed of R. B. Gunter, L. G. Gates, Bryan Simmons, N. W. Cox and T. D. Brown, the memorial submitted by the Copiah County Association.

The proposal of a campaign to raise \$100,000 as a memorial to the late Dr. M. O. Patterson, longtime teacher of Bible at Mississippi College, to be used in endowing a professorship of Christianity in the college, was approved.

The Convention exchanged greetings with the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Church in session at Galloway Memorial Church.

The Committee on Order of Business for the 1944 Convention will include P. I. Lipsey, chairman; Percy Cooper, C. C. Jones, Henry Love and Ray M. Dykes; the Committee on Nominations will be J. A. Barnhill, Rowe C. Holcomb, R. L. Wallace, William Lowrey Compere, J. B. Smith, Charles S. Henderson and G. O. Parker.

Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley
Soldiers, Sailors, Defense
Projects Service

"If God Be For Us"

By Chaplain Gordon H. Anderson

Day by day we are realizing with new importance the crisis of the world, of our nation, and of our own lives. Every effort is being made to fortify ourselves and allies in order to conquer the foe and come forth victoriously. Our industries have geared themselves to produce the finest of military equipment. Our colleges have revolutionized their programs to train the young men of the nation into experienced and intelligent soldiers. Every resource is utilized to one end—victory. The daily reports are encouraging but the war is far from won as yet, and even though our armies cease firing the victory is yet not won. There are many things that can happen to delay the end of the war and cause a tremendous casualty. We must have before us that to have victory in the time of war and peace we need the guidance and help of God. The apostle Paul quoted a truth that needs to be in our hearts today, "If God be for us, who can be against us." It is vital that God guide and help us as a nation. God is not unjustly partial to any group of people, but He is with those who are with Him. Sin is contrary to the very nature of God, and the people and nation that will live in defiance of His law and righteousness cannot claim the blessing of the Almighty. "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." The righteousness of a nation depends upon the righteousness of the people. A sinful army in the heat of battle cannot call upon the powers of God for aid as she has defied the things of God.

The individual needs God. There are those who claim they have no need of God in their lives for they can care for themselves. The most secure life is very uncertain, having its hidden enemies. In the trial of fire and death the atheist has cried out, "Lord, I believe." It is a great joy and peace to be able to realize God as a Father, Jesus Christ as a Saviour and Friend, and the Holy Spirit as a Comforter and Helper. Whether the situation be a crisis or not it is a tremendous asset to be able to take the promise, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me." The

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Student Night—Christmas Season.
Observe Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Nov. 29-Dec. 3.
Promotion Service for Young People's Auxiliaries.
Elect Officers for 1944.
Send Quarterly Reports.
Watch Service, December 31.
Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.
Foreign Missions.
State Baptist Training Union Convention, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Dec. 30, 31.

R. C. Woodham was in the office a few days ago and brought a list of twenty-one names from Providence church, Lebanon Association.

Dr. C. C. Warren, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, since 1938, has submitted his resignation to the congregation to accept the pastorate of the First church, Charlotte, N. C.

Texas Baptists consider their recent Convention the greatest Convention in Texas Baptist history. Dr. E. D. Head, president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, was elected president. They voted to raise two million dollars for missions and a like amount for endowment for next year. For the first time since 1903 they reported no debt.

Hermanville Baptist Church set their Orphanage offering goal at \$25. They have already sent \$37 to this institution. The Sunday school attendance was the largest it has been for almost one year on November 21.

Today for the nineteenth time our church begins its special campaign for its Thanksgiving offering for the Orphanage. We regret that circumstances make it inadvisable to send food stuff and other goods as we have hitherto. This effort is always made through the Sunday school. The classes and departments have set splendid goals for the offering. The adult classes in addition to their membership are canvassing the adult members of the church who are not enrolled in the Sunday school. We are encouraged to believe that this will be our greatest offering for the Orphanage.—The Messenger, First Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss.

blessing of God comes from a righteousness that is received by a living faith in Jesus Christ. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

"If God be for us, who can be against us." Already we have seen and heard of phenomenal victories due to the providence of God and miraculous escapes as soldiers looked up in faith claiming the promises of God. It is well to be on God's side when the sun is shining that He will be on our side when we are in the night.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A GOOD SONG BOOK? Carl Kosanke

Pastors and church leaders frequently ask the question, "Which is the best song book for our church to buy?" No hymn book has yet been published which suits everyone, because people's tastes vary widely because of their emotional make-up, age, background and training. Hence in the average congregation there is a wide variety of likes and dislikes as to songs.

Most large song books contain a considerable variety of songs, from both the standpoint of words and music, but no book can be inclusive enough to satisfy all tastes. Song books have a characteristic taste or appreciation level. Each church will try to find the book which best fits its congregation, provided of course that the words shall be scriptural, the poetry reasonably good and the music not irreverent.

There ought to be the constant desire on the part of leaders, to cultivate the congregation's appreciation for the best in songs. Some people have no desire for this and are slow to respond, but if they once develop an appreciation for that which is truly great, expressive, religious poetry, set to music that is fittingly and well written and which stirs the proper religious emotions deeply, they will enjoy experiences that are far more satisfying and lasting.

Our Sunday School Board publishes a series of song books in the effort to provide something acceptable for every church in its constituency. At the top of the list stands "The New Baptist Hymnal." Leave it up to any recognized authorities on poetry, theology and music. But the book hasn't been so popular because it does not satisfy the average congregation's likes. Therefore, perhaps the best book for the average Baptist church at present would be "The Broadman Hymnal." This book is an honest effort to provide a book of good songs that the average Baptist congregation, East, West, North and South, will enjoy. It has become very popular.

Among the song books published by our denomination are some graded song books for children for use in the elementary departments of our work. They contain songs that come within the range of children's understanding and experience and are wonderful teaching aids.

BISHOP MANNING OPPOSES UNION E. C. Routh

For some time there has been a movement on foot to unite the Protestant Episcopal Church and the "Northern" Presbyterian Church into a single church organization. Bishop William T. Manning, of the New York Episcopal Diocese, for many years one of the most influential leaders among the Episcopalians, asked in a recent sermon delivered in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, that the proposed church merger be abandoned, at least for a time. Here are some of his reasons, forcefully stated:

"Our true course, as a church, at this time, is to work side by side with the Presbyterian church, and with all other churches, and not to attempt to force measures for organic union,



Blue Mountain, Miss., Nov. 8.—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, who served as president of the Blue Mountain College National Alumnae Association from 1939 to 1943. Her administration was crowded with achievements, chief of which were the celebration of "Mother" Berry's 90th birthday, and the launching of the \$200,000 endowment fund campaign of the college, part of which has established the Modena Lowrey Berry professorship of Bible. Ninety thousand dollars of this was obtained in November last year and \$23,200 in June of this year.

During her administration, too, Mrs. Berry's picture was hung in the Mississippi Hall of Fame. Portraits of Dr. B. G. Lowrey, former president of the college, and of General M. P. Lowrey, the founder, were hung in the Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium at the college. The Junior Alumnae Association was organized and various class reunions were held. Many other progressive steps were taken during Mrs. Simmons' administration.

for which none of the churches, our own included, are spiritually ready, and which if prematurely forced will produce not unity, but disunity and disruption. . . . I yield to no one in respect and esteem for our brethren of the Presbyterian church. I honor them truly for their forthrightness and for their loyalty to their convictions, and I know that many of them realize that if organic union is to be achieved between the two churches it will have to rest upon agreements far more real, and more forthrightly stated.

"At this time, let us give our whole thought to the spiritual work and ministrations of the church, and let us stand in fellowship with all churches, and with all the religious forces of our land, to uphold our people in this great world battle against evil, cruelty and terror and to hasten the day of victory for right and truth."

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Thank You Friends

Imagine my surprise when on last Wednesday afternoon, just as I had finished saying a word at the State Baptist Convention in behalf of the Training Union, my good friend of some fifteen years, Earl Clark, came upon the platform and in choice words presented me with a check for \$345, representing gifts from friends from all over the state. I appreciate this love gift more than I can express. I appreciate my friends and hold them as my dearest heritage. Others were in the planning of this surprise for me. I do not know them all, but Clifton Tate is another friend of many years. These two I have learned worked together. They are a good pair and have been pulling together, not just in the Training Union program, but as good churchmen they have promoted the whole church and denominational program all the years I have known them. To them, and to you who had a part in this expression of confidence and love I gratefully say, Thank you.

Auber J. Wilds.

1944 Training Union Calendar

Our Southwide Training Union Calendar of Activities is already off the press and in our office ready for mailing. This will go to all churches early in December. The general theme for 1944 is **THY WILL BE DONE**. The Scripture for the year—"They kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven," Matt. 6:10. The aim: To help us find and follow God's will for the earth, for mankind, for our individual lives, and for our churches. Each month, as usual, we have a monthly theme based on the general theme. Articles in the Magazine are based on these monthly themes, lessons in the Quarters are centered around the theme. Dr. B. B. McKinney, secretary of the Music Department of the Sunday School Board, has written a special theme song for us, "Thy Will be Done." The music is easy so that every union can use it. It is a part of the printed calendar.

We are using the 1944 theme for our State Training Union Convention, and Associational Officers Training Meeting. The new song "Thy Will Be Done" will be our theme song for the convention. We look forward to this meeting with high hopes that it will help us know better how to fit into God's plans for our lives.

Calvary Jackson is making a good record in Training Union work. Last Sunday they had 276 in attendance. Four splendid adult unions divided into two departments of two unions each, each department with department officers and an assembly meeting each Sunday. These set the pace. Calvary church will be host to our convention December 30-31.

Someone said "You just can't have a Training Union without a B. A. U. How can you expect the young people to do better than their parents?"

B. A. U. of Grenada First church is

making progress under the leadership of C. W. "Red" Briscoe as president. He keeps the work before the church through the weekly bulletin and by having special announcements from the pulpit.

Vicksburg Churches Plan Enlargement Programs

The two churches in Vicksburg are planning for enlargement programs. The First church will have theirs beginning the last week in November. Bowmar Avenue will put theirs on the week beginning December 5th. Dr. W. E. Green, Enlistment Pastor, will work in these campaigns. He says he finds the promotion of Training Union work as valuable as any denominational work we do. It is through training workers the work of the Lord must go on.

Intermediate Clinic Planned

Hinds-Warren Associational Training Union, under the leadership of Mr. Clifton R. Tate, director of the Association, is having an Intermediate Clinic for leaders and Intermediates for three days beginning Sunday, December 5th. A mass meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5th, at Parkway Baptist Church. Henry Rogers, Intermediate leader for the South, will be the main speaker. Mr. Rogers will also speak Sunday morning at First Baptist Church, and in the evening he will speak at Van Winkle Baptist Church. He will also address the Sunday school at Northside and Training Union at Griffith Memorial churches. On Monday and Tuesday evenings conferences will be held. Mr. Rogers will lead the conference for Intermediate leaders and sponsors. Miss Sara Wallis, of our State Training Union department will have the conference for the Intermediate young people. All within reach of Jackson are invited to attend.

Waynesboro Elects Director

Miss Lucille Walker becomes director of the Waynesboro Training Union. In starting the work Miss Walker ordered 45 "Saturday Night Prayer Covenant" book marks. What could be more powerful than a Training Union in prayer each Saturday night asking God's blessings on the Sunday services, and asking for guidance in his assignments for them individually. We commend this activity to all other unions in the state.

District Seven Loses President

Mr. W. R. McFerrin, who was elected last June as president of the District Convention for District 7 has been transferred from Eupora to Charleston. He carries with him a continued interest in Training Union work and the good will of his friends back in Zion Association.

Pike County Director Uses Standard

Mrs. O. A. Varnado of Fernwood was elected recently to the office of Pike Associational Training Union director. Already she has written for a plan book, a calendar of activities, leaflets for the officers, and copy of



A. ESTUS MASON

LYON CHURCH SETS WORTHY EXAMPLE

Inspiring is the example of the church at Lyon in that their gifts to outside causes were practically twice what they used in the local work. Their total gifts amounted to \$6,419.45, with \$4,249.10 sent to others and \$2,170.35 used at home. Pastor A. Estus Mason is happy over the spirit of his people. Blue Mountain College received of these outside offerings \$1,209 in addition to gifts sent the year before. The Orphanage at Jackson received \$500. The whole church is in good condition as is evidenced by 26 additions during the year. Lyon is among the oldest churches in the Delta, with a long and proud history. On November first the church increased the pastor's salary \$25.00 per month and made it effective as of October 1.

A. Boyce Adams is Sunday school superintendent; Barry K. Bobo is treasurer and chairman of the board of deacons; Mrs. A. J. Simmons is president of the W. M. S.; Mrs. A. Boyce Adams is choir leader and soloist; Mrs. S. B. Entekin is organist; other deacons are J. A. Turney, Alton Walker, A. Boyce Adams, Charles Bobo and William Staten.

(Editor's note: This is an EF church.)

COME ON, MEN! Lawson H. Cooke

We are fighting desperately to get out of debt by December 31. The Southwide debt has now been brought down below the \$100,000 mark but still that's a lot of money, and it is now a matter of weeks. We will not make it on our present rate of receipts. We are going to fall short about \$25,000 and that is just too close to victory to miss it. Your help is needed badly, and—NOW. Will you do four things?

1. Ask your pastor to call attention Sunday morning to the debt situation.
2. Urge every member of the Hundred Thousand Club to pay up in full not later than December 19.
3. Urge every one not now a member of the club to join on a cash-in-advance basis for any amount. (It will not be necessary to sign a membership card.)
4. See that all debt-paying money

the standard of excellence. Using the Standard as a guide will bring any union, local or associational, through to successful achievements.

NORTHSIDE HONORS SOLDIERS

Northside church in Jackson held an Armistice service led by Pastor I. F. Metts and Percy Ray, evangelist, of Collinsville, Ill., assisted by the Y. W. A. group. A solo was rendered by H. D. Barr, and other appropriate music was enjoyed. Suitable souvenirs were given out to members who have loved ones in the armed forces.

The following is a list of the servicemen who were honored: Sgt. Gregory Acoff, Van Downing, Jr. (Coast Guard), Cpl. A. A. Block, John W. Bright, Warrent Officer, Pvt. Francis Hathorn, Jr., Pvt. Mack Douglas, Sgt. Willie T. Davis, Sgt. Jack B. Dorman, Cpl. Richard Dorman, Dodd Douglas, A/C, Chap. Lamar Douglas, Lt. H. S. Bell, James H. Hilton, Cpl. Virgil G. Davis, Pvt. W. E. Flowers, Pvt. Edward M. Lowther, Maj. W. P. Bell, Clovis E. Bardwell, Charles M. Conner, John C. Davis, Sgt. James F. Metts, John Downs, Capt. Lucius L. Blount, Sgt. C. A. Marsh, Pvt. Carl W. Brewer, Cpl. James S. George, T/Sgt. Harris B. Hines, Lt. Jack McLain, Sidney Adams, Robert Reese Bell, Robert Newton Grantham, Lt. Jack Grantham, Lt. George M. tSreet, Lavelle Miller Garrett, M2C, Pvt. Fred F. Ferguson, Pvt. Rubel Cotton Cooper, William Montgomery, Hugh Montgomery.

Sgt. Gale W. Pearson, Lt. Fred Streudling, Lt. William R. Allen, Frank Allen C 2/S, Lt. Eugene Allen, Cpl. Robert Odom, Cpl. E. S. Pounds, Pvt. James Nolan Perkins, Lt. John W. Neely, Sgt. Calvin Douglas Allen, Pvt. K. B. Keary, Cpl. Kenneth Knight, Pvt. Herbert N. Worley, Pvt. Joe Odom, Pvt. Johnie F. Austin, Pvt. Joseph Rucker, Pvt. Richard H. Pridgen, Pvt. Lawrence McCluer, Pvt. John Barr, Cpl. Travis Pace, Pvt. Paul E. Neely, Sgt. Bill Windham, Lt. W. H. Turcott, Robt. McGuffie, Lt. Smith, Staff Sgt. Jr. Grady, Ens. G. H. Marsh, Pvt. Willie Hocott, Lt. Chas. E. Beumfeld, Lt. Davis E. Newman, Pvt. H. B. Butler, Pvt. Carl Manning, Pvt. Leon Manning, Pvt. Rodney Manning, Sgt. Roy Gilbert, Lt. Jack Puckett, Pvt. Jack Inman, Alvin H. Harvey A. S., T/Sgt. James W. McGee, Pvt. Hal J. McGee, Thos. P. Oneil, Jr., Rm3c, James R. Beggerly, Pvt. Thos. F. Dickson, Cpl. Paul B. Lehman, Pvt. Fred D. Dumas, Sgt. F. M. Boyd, Pvt. Royce W. Barlow.

The visiting minister spoke on three questions: (1) Where are you from, Buddie? (2) Where do we go from here? (3) What will it cost? He recalled experiences twenty-five years ago on Armistice night when he was in France during World War I, and delivered an impressive message.

Announcement of the wedding of Miss Susan Frances Jeffers of Gadsden, Alabama, to Rev. Andrew M. Coltharp of Myrtle, Mississippi and Richmond, Virginia is of interest. The following were listed among the wedding party: Mrs. Wayne Todd, James Fairchild, Joe Allman, Wayne Todd, Paul Early, Albert Hill, Misses Hilda Coltharp, Nancy Woolley, Dora Ellen Keener, Mrs. G. W. Ward, Mrs. Paul D. Early, little Miss Evelyn Parrish and W. T. Edwards. Mrs. Coltharp is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and the Woman's Missionary Union Training school, and he is a graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and is now serving as associate pastor at Second Baptist Church, Richmond.

is sent to your state headquarters not later than December 19.

If you can do these four things—and others will join in—we will be "Debt-free in '43."

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

Thanksgiving

As we come to another Thanksgiving Day, we are so conscious of the utter impossibility of even thinking of all the good things that the Lord has given us during the year just passed. To think of even a few of His many blessings will cause any one to be grateful indeed. Every day should be Thanksgiving Day with every Christian. Yet, we are grateful for this special season when additional thought is centered upon the goodness of the Lord to us in His bountiful blessings of the year.

We are grateful for Thanksgiving because of the way it began: our settlers on this continent setting apart a day to thank God for His blessings to them. And this was when things were very scarce in comparison with all the abundance of today. If they were thankful for what they had, how much more should we be thankful for what we have.

As we approach this Thanksgiving season, we do so with minds and hearts turned to all sections of the world, both because our own people are scattered in many parts, and also because of the need of all people to recognize that only God can give the real blessings of life. Many of our homes are sad and sorrowful this Thanksgiving because of sad news that has come to them during this year of loved ones "missing in action." And yet, with all this, it is so assuring to know that the Lord is just as near from one part of the world as from any other.

As we express again our thanks to the Lord for the blessings of the year, may Christians everywhere join in the fervent plea that peace, liberty and freedom may come to all people, and that in God's own way and time the message of His glorious Book may be preached to all the world.

Bible Sunday

December 12, 1943, has been designated as UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY. The American Bible Society, Park Avenue and 57th Street, New York, N. Y., has material giving suggestions for the special observance of this Sunday.

The American Bible Society is the agency of American Christians for getting Testaments and Bibles into the hands of our men in the military service. Countless hands from every quarter of the globe are outstretched to receive the Bible—soldiers on the many war fronts and in hundreds of camps, sailors on the seven seas, refugees in many lands, converts on the mission fields, students preparing for tomorrow's leadership, and thousands of others. This organization is furnishing literally millions of copies of the Scriptures to people of every nation.

Universal Bible Sunday, December 12, 1943, is for the purpose of giving additional emphasis to the great work of giving the Scriptures to the peoples of the world.

Kits For Russians

More than a year ago the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention adopted a resolution expressing the hope that our people would co-operate in the "Share Your

Clothes with Russia" movement, working through the Russian War Relief Committee. Southern Baptists have responded heartily to this most worthy cause.

Mr. T. F. Byrd, of the New York office of the Russian War Relief Committee, personally thanked Southern Baptists through their Executive Committee for this aid, and asked further cooperation in gifts of clothing and evaporated milk. Since evaporated milk is now rationed, we are asked to secure 100,000 kits for Russia in the period of January 15-30, 1944.

Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. J. E. Dillard, Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Nashville, Tenn., compose the committee appointed to cooperate in preparing suitable literature for this campaign.

Aiding the starving and freezing Russians is a worthy work. Every kit given to this noble cause will be a blessing to some one. Prepare now to participate in the KITS FOR RUSSIA campaign, January 15-30, 1944.

Be a Diploma Holder

We hope to have during this Sunday school year a big increase in the number of Sunday school diploma holders. This is going to get some special emphasis all along. We have already heard from some that they are joining the procession. The slogan is: BE A DIPLOMA HOLDER.

Mrs. Bessie Robinson, Reform, Miss., writes us that she is joining the group also. Others have already signified their intention of doing this. We shall be glad to have a card from any one who will join the group to BE A DIPLOMA HOLDER. But whether you write us or not, join the group anyway.

If you want to know how many books and which ones you lack having your diploma, just write us a card and we shall gladly tell you.

This all is a part of our program to help our people be more thoroughly informed and trained on the Sunday school work. Trained workers are better workers because they have the information along with a willingness to use it.

Standards

The Beginner department, First Baptist Church, West Point, Mrs. J. S. Thornton, superintendent; the Junior department, Philadelphia, Miss Zula Walton, superintendent, and Junior department B, Hattiesburg First, Mr. Earl B. Hinton, superintendent, have all reached the standard for our new Sunday school year.

Thanks and congratulations to all these fine workers on this high rating! Many others should do this same thing right away.

HURRAH FOR THE BROTHERHOODS J. E. Dillard

They are doing it! The Texas Brotherhood was the first to raise its quota of \$14,400; the Louisiana Brotherhood was a quick second with a quota of \$4,800; and the other Brotherhoods are coming. Thanks and congratulations! Things are looking

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD MEMBERS

(Names in blackface type are new members.)

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Winston	W. L. Day	Louisville

better.

The Brotherhoods are trying to raise that extra \$100,000 we shall need to pay the balance on the old \$6,500,000 debt. The net balance of that debt is \$163,000. If the Brotherhoods succeed in their effort, and if all who hold Hundred Thousand Club and Centennial memberships will pay in full by the first of December so as to reach our office before the 31st, we shall surely be out of debt this year.

But to make assurance doubly sure let's each of us make an extra effort so we may have a larger part in the rejoicing.

DEBT-FREE IN '43—COUNT ON ME.

Robert Jennings, Askew, Mississippi, writes in regarding the possibility of somebody having used church pews for sale. Anyone with helpful information in this matter should write him.

RUSSIAN FAMILIES NEED OUR HELP

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DRUID HILLS FILLS 1,000 KITS FOR RUSSIA



EVEN THE LITTLE CALF

fully determined to make immediate response to these, our cherished neighbors in practical gifts that will give assurance of our admiration and affection for a people who have met the stern challenge of pagan force in sacrificial heroism and inspiring courage.

Clothes for Shivering Bodies

Last winter, acting under the appeal of the Russian War Relief Committee, Southern Baptists joined in the nation-wide campaign for "Share Your Clothes With Russia," providing millions of garments for our suffering Russian neighbors. Shipments of such clothing continue to go forward at the rate of a million pounds per month. Definite responses from officials of the Soviet Union, together with many messages from groups and individuals receiving the clothing, give unmistakable evidence that these gifts of clothing have made a tremendous impression upon the Russian people. How far these gifts have influenced the present increasing friendliness of Russia toward the United States, none can say; but who will doubt that our response in the sending of these clothes had much to do with this vitally important attitude on the part of the leaders and the masses of Russia.

And Now About the Kits

When Mr. Thos. F. Byrd and Mr. P. L. Johnston, representing the Russian War Relief Committee, came before the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention at our meeting in June, 1943, and made report on what Southern Baptists had done in the clothes campaign, the brethren were thrilled. Messrs. Byrd and Johnston then presented to us the suggestion of the kit campaign, explaining how great is the need in Russia at this moment for the articles listed in the following paragraph:

Sugar, soup mix, evaporated milk, bouillon cubes, hard candy, white laundry soap, sewing articles, knitting needles, adhesive tape, gauze bandage, soft hand towels, socks and gloves.

At first, we wondered how such articles could be procured, remembering that some of them are rationed, and how others in the list are under severe priorities, such as sewing needles; but as they presented the need, they also explained that cartons would be provided in which a family in the United States might send a Russian family these practical gifts. We were convinced that it could be done, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend to Southern Baptists that we undertake to send 100,000 such kits to our Russian neighbors, making the appeal for the gathering of these kits from January 15 to January 30, 1944. (The entire nation has been asked to send 3,000,000 kits.)

How It Can Be Done

I don't believe in asking my brethren to do something that I have not done. I, therefore, took this matter up with my people at Druid Hills. They heartily approved the plan. I called together the chairman of our board of deacons, the superintendent of our Sunday school, the president of our Woman's Missionary Society, the director of our Baptist Training Union, and the president of our Brotherhood, asking them to serve as the Kit Committee of our church. They are shown in the accompanying picture packing our kits.

"FATHER, WE THANK THEE—"

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my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Give us a new conception of this day of thanksgiving, dear God. This is not a time for tables groaning with an over-abundance of rich foods. It is a day when our thoughts should shape every home, every individual, every meal into a pattern of peace for the world. Our invisible guests should be little Ching Li of China, who lives on one bowl of rice every two days; small Ivan Neprash of Russia, who gains enough strength from black bean soup and bread to work in a munitions plant; Maria of Spain, Secile of France; Antonio of Greece, and myriads of other children who are hungry all day and night. Let this Thanksgiving Day be one where the head of the house will set an example of sharing for the family, remembering all the fathers in the enslaved countries who are helpless to provide even the simplest of food for their loved ones. Let the festive meal be one which mother has carefully planned of unrationed food, prepared and served so that not even the smallest crust shall be wasted. Impress upon all, our Father, that we must not only feed our armed forces and ourselves but we must share with our allies and the peoples of the liberated countries. Give us a new vision of this round-the-world poignant need, our Father, during this Thanksgiving Season.

And, as we eat the food on our own tables, bless it for our use, strengthen our bodies for the arduous work ahead; clear our minds of all selfish, unworthy motives . . .

Amen.

—BR—

NOVEMBER IS "CHRISTMAS MAILING MONTH" THIS YEAR

Delivery of the annual flow of Christmas gifts and cards on time, always a serious problem, "will be more than a problem this year—it will be an impossibility—unless Christmas mailings are made largely in November," Postmaster General Frank C. Walker has warned.

"Transportation facilities are burdened to the limit with war materials and personnel, and the Postal Service has sent more than thirty-one thousand experienced employees into the army and navy," Mr. Walker said. "The only solution to the Christmas problem is: MAIL IN NOVEMBER. Mark your parcels, 'DO NOT OPEN UNTIL CHRISTMAS.' That is the only way to avoid disappointment on Christmas Day not only for many civilians but also for millions of members of the armed forces who are still in this country.

"It is also the only way to avoid the possibility of a Christmas emergency in the transportation and postal ser-

One of the greatest blessings in this kit campaign will be the appeal to our people to fulfill the teachings of our blessed Lord in Matthew 25:42-45—gathering these practical articles and packing them into one of the attractive kits, and writing on the label a message of Christian greetings to the Russian family that will open and gratefully accept your gift.

For further information, write Southern Baptist Kit Committee, 215 Mortgage Guarantee Building, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR TEACHER AND CLASS

(Correct answers on Page Fifteen.)

1. The origin of our Thanksgiving Day is credited to the Pilgrim Fathers during the summer of 1621. Where in the Bible did they get their idea of thanksgiving?

2. Do you know the exact (or near) number of children, two years old, or younger, that were ordered put to death by Herod, and why this cruel ruler ordered such a massacre?

3. Which Psalm suggests the many things we should keep in mind on Thanksgiving Day? The reasons are repeated 26 times in this Psalm, celebrating this day?

4. Why were the Hebrews forbidden to "boil a kid (sheep) in his mother's milk," as a sacrifice? Read Exodus 34:26.

vices. If the public will cooperate by mailing their Christmas parcels during November, we can handle a small volume of light, last-minute mailings, such as cards, up to December 10—but we can do that and avoid an emergency only if November is really "Christmas Mailing Month."

Postal officials pointed out that the volume of mail now is far above any previous records, that railway cars by the hundreds have been diverted to war service and that the air lines have only about half as many planes as they once operated.

More than two hundred thousand extra temporary employees normally are employed to help with the holiday postal rush. This year, the extra employees will be largely women and high school boys and girls who are unable to work the long hours usually required and whose work will be relatively slow.

To deliver the Christmas mails on time, therefore, it is necessary that mailings be spread out over a longer period so that available transportation equipment and postal personnel can be used during more weeks. It will be utterly impossible to make the deliveries by Christmas if mailers wait until the last three weeks before the holiday, as in normal years.

There is another reason for shopping and mailing earlier than ever before. Retail stores are short-handed. Purchasers can avoid shopping in crowded stores, long waits for service, and other inconveniences of late shopping if they buy now. They will also doubtless have a better choice of merchandise than will be available later.

Postmaster General Walker observed that his warning is not an attempt to tell the public what to do; it is only an advance notification of what will happen if they mail late. He feels that the public is entitled to the facts, and that when they know them, they will decide to MAIL IN NOVEMBER.

STUDY THE ROLL CALL ON PAGE 13. IS YOUR CHURCH ON THE GLORY ROLL?

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→ GRAY'S OINTMENT

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

We regret that the copy for the Sunday School Lesson did not arrive.

—BR—

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

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63. P. I. Lipsey, in absence of J. L. Boyd, spoke briefly concerning the Mississippi Baptist Historical Society.

64. In report of Committee on Resolutions:

1. On the resolution concerning the Copiah County Memorial, the vote decided that it be referred to a special committee composed of R. B. Gunter, L. G. Gates, Bryan Simmons, Norman Cox and T. D. Brown, for further study and for report at next annual Convention.

2. Resolution from the W. M. U. of First Baptist Church of Jackson concerning Sunday desecration and use of intoxicating liquors was read and approved after discussion.

3. The petition from Neshoba Association read and matter referred to Convention Board.

4. The resolution of American Bible Society adopted.

5. The resolution on stewardship revivals, offered by L. E. Green was adopted as read and altered to provide funds for carrying into effect the work called for.

6. Concerning the Clarke College resolution, the committee recommended the adoption of the report with the increase of the amount of \$2,000 from the \$1,600 called for by the resolution, and the report was adopted.

7. Concerning the resolution concerning the M. O. Patterson Memorial Chair of Bible and Evangelism at Mississippi College, the committee recommended its adoption, and the Convention affirmed.

8. A resolution expressing gratitude of the Convention for courtesies and hospitality of First Baptist Church and the Jackson people was adopted by rising vote.

65. Motion to adopt resolution committee report as a whole carried.

66. The report of Committee on Nominations presented by I. E. Rouse and adopted.

A motion was adopted allowing the men whose names were submitted by the Nominating Committee to serve instead of the names appearing in the report of the Foundation Committee.

67. R. A. Springer of Dallas, Texas, spoke on the Baptist Brotherhood, indicating seven steps in the organization of a Brotherhood.

68. The committee on time, place and preacher presented the report which was adopted.

69. Fraternal messengers from the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist church were welcomed.

70. A committee to bear greetings to Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Church was appointed as follows: Madison Flowers, I. F. Metts and O. O. Davis.

71. The report of the committee on religious liberty presented a resolution for the adoption of the statement of the joint committee from the Southern Baptist, Northern Baptist and American Baptist Conventions. This was passed.

72. D. Swan Haworth spoke challengingly on "Working Together With Our Senior Partner, Jesus Christ."

73. E. C. Williams expressed thanks for the help and spirit of the Conven-



Rudolph Walker, who has recently been promoted to the Intermediate department of Monticello Baptist Sunday school, has not missed a Sunday for over three years. He lives two and one half miles from the church and walks this distance most of the time. He is a member of the B. T. U. and a R. A.—Mrs. D. O. Horne, superintendent, Intermediate department.

—BR—

IN MEMORY OF MRS. T. H. TOMLINSON

The friends of Mrs. T. H. Tomlinson, while sorrowing deeply over the unspeakable shock and sorrow that has come to us by her sudden and tragic death, desire to let others know how she stood in the hearts of her friends. She was interested in all worthy community activities, belonged to such fine organizations as the Woman's Club, and devoted much time to such patriotic interests as selling of stamps and bonds, and many "good neighbor" undertakings.

Her older friends who have known her and associated with her through a long, rich life of service, rejoice in the exemplary high standard of Christ-like living which shone through her dedicated life. The young folks, too, of her circles of social and church life loved her as an unfailing friend, who expressed through her every-day living the high ideals of a noble Christian. In her business life, in her contacts with the poor and underprivileged, in every group or class in which she walked and worked—there are friends now who, with dimmed eyes are talking, in saddened voices, of the gentle friend, the gracious Christian lady, who thought so little of herself and was always busy serving others.

For long periods of time, she tenderly nursed, and served as a dear daughter or devoted sister, her older relatives and friends. "Going about doing good" was the dominant note in her life-theme. We who have known her long and loved her well—feel that it can well be said of her, in the language used by our Saviour—of Mary who brought the Alabaster box—"She hath done what she could."

"We cannot say—we will not say That she is dead—she is just away— With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand She is away—at her home in the Better Land."

"Think of her faring on—as dear In the love of There—as the love of Here Think of her still as the same—I say— She is not dead—she is just away."

In loving remembrance,
Woman's Bible Class,
First Baptist Church, Biloxi, Miss.
By Mrs. Rose Balthrope.

tion during all the sessions.

74. Final adjournment after singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and prayer by G. E. Wiley, Grenada.

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Glory Roll

(These churches have exceeded their "announcements.")

Skene, Mt. Moriah (Calhoun), Indian Springs (Jones), Walnut Grove, Tupelo Calvary, Lowland (Leflore), Improve (Marion), Blue Mountain, Louisville, Pleasant Home (Jones).

Added this week: Vardaman, Carrollton, New Montpelier (Clay), Horse Shoe (Holmes), Shannon (Lee), Waxhaw (Bolivar), Smithville, Woodland (Pontotoc), Osborne Creek (Prentiss), Lexington.

Honor Roll No. 1

(These churches have obtained more than 75% of their "announcements.")

Pine Grove (Clarke), West Point, Cary (Deer Creek), Leland, Louin, Lyon, Senatobia, Friendship (Wayne), Blythe Creek (Zion).

Added this week: McAdams, Wesson, Mt. Carmel (Leake), Lena (Leake), Hopewell (Scott), Summerland (Smith).

Honor Roll No. 2

(These churches have obtained more than 50% of their "announcements.")

Corinth First, Arcola, East Salem (Greene), Clinton, Jackson First, Lexington, Fulton (Itawamba), Meridian 15th Ave., Midway (Lauderdale), Greenwood First, Holly Springs, Ripley, Grenada.

Added this week: Beulah (Attala), Bethany (Bolivar), Providence (Calhoun), Enterprise (Clarke), Bethesda (Lowndes), Collins, Elizabeth (Deer Creek), Providence (Grenada), Pocahontas, Yokena (Hinds-Warren), Sharon (Jasper), Mt. Oral (Jones).

Helpers' Roll

(These churches have obtained from 1% to 49% of their "announcements.")

Antioch (Alcorn), Bear Creek (Attala), Canaan (Benton), Boyle, Bruce, Providence (Carroll), Amity (Chickasaw), Ackerman, Harmony (Clarke), Crystal Springs, Mt. Horeb (Covington), Belzoni, Hernando, Lucedale, Biloxi First, Jackson Griffith Memorial, Goodman, Bay Springs (Jasper), Calvary (Jones), Center Ridge (Kemper), Oxford First, Meridian First, Crooked Creek (Lawrence), Carthage, Hattiesburg First, Bissell (Lee), Itta Bena, Fair River (Lincoln), Canton First, Slayden (Marshall), Crosby (Mississippi), Center Hill (Monroe), Bluff Springs (Neshoba), Conehatta (Newton), Elim (Noxubee), Self Creek (Oktibbeha), Batesville, Brewer (Perry), McComb First, Ecu, Steen's Creek (Rankin), Marks, Forest, Magee, Lorena (Smith), Indianola, Friendship No. 2 (Tallahatchie), Coldwater, Whitten Town (Tippah), Old Ham (Tishomingo), Fayette (Union), Old Oak Grave (Union Co.), Tylertown, Ellison Ridge (Winston), Tillatoba (Yalobusha), Yazoo City, Mathiston

SERVING AGAIN

Christmas In Wartime

will be happier for all of us if we share it

THE SALVATION ARMY WAY



SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS through THE SALVATION ARMY

ON EVERY FRONT

(Zion).

Added this week: Concord (Adams-Franklin), West Corinth (Alcorn), Kosciusko First, Ashland, Cleveland, Calhoun City, Egypt (Chickasaw), Bethlehem (Choctaw), Quitman, Columbus First, Damascus (Copiah), Union Sr. (Covington), Greenville (Deer Creek), Eudora (DeSoto), Agricola (George), Leakesville, Hardy (Grenada), Gulfport First, Antioch (Hinds-Warren), Cruger, Escatawpa (Jackson), Prentiss (Jeff Davis), Ellisville, Blackwater (Lemper), Abbeville (Lafayette), Meridian Highland, Bethel (Lawrence), Friendship (Leake), Calvary (Lebanon), Plantersville (Lee), Morgan City, Columbia First, Byhalia, Aberdeen, Coldwater, Newton, Macon, Morgan Chapel (Oktibbeha), Starkville, Sardis, Beaumont (Perry), Summitt, Algoma, Brandon, Clarksdale First, Raleigh, Drew, Friendship No. 1 (Tallahatchie), Fellowship (Tippah), Belmont, Zion Hill (Union County), Mt. Carmel (Winston), Coffeeville, Anding (Yazoo), Cumberland (Zion).

The rolls are growing. Let the Glory Roll be the aim of all churches. Watch this column next week.

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CORRECTION: We need \$50,000 CASH on our \$104,000 bond call December 1, 1943.

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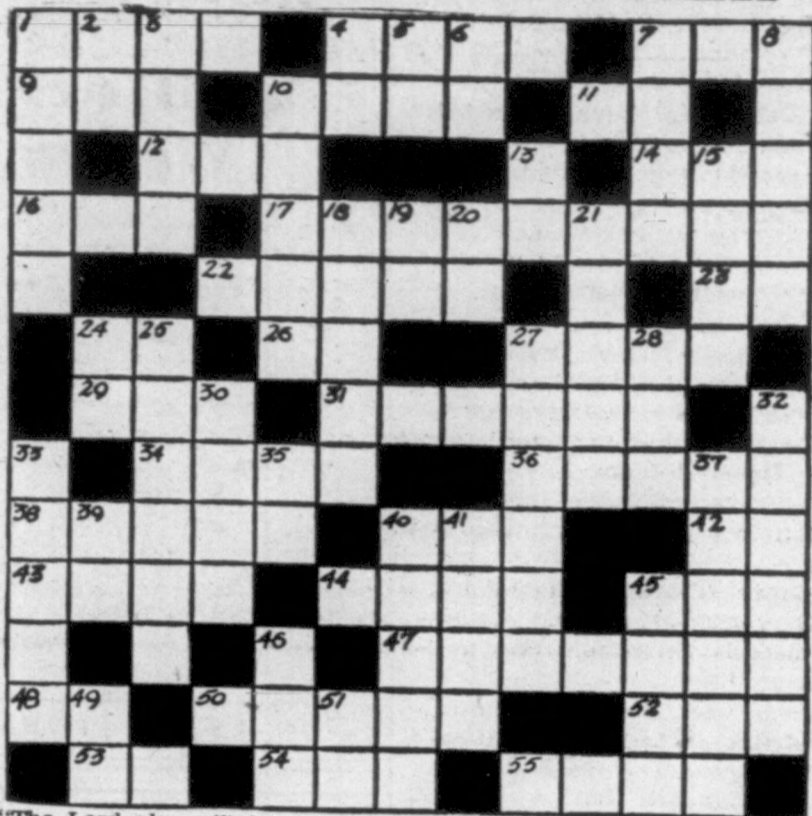


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ACROSS

- 1 "who is able to stand before . . ." Prov. 27:4.
 4 "... has not defrauded us, nor oppressed us." I Sam. 12:4.
 7 "let . . . the oppressed return ashamed." Ps. 74:21.
 9 Constellation.
 10 "For the oppression of the . . ." Ps. 12:5.
 11 "to let the oppressed . . . free," Isa. 58:6.
 12 An ape (Malay peninsula).
 14 Nickname for Beatrice.
 16 "To judge . . . fatherless and . . . oppressed," Ps. 10:18.
 17 "no . . . shall pass through" Zech. 9:8.
 22 "I will build again the . . . thereof," Acts 15:16.
 23 Nova Scotia.
 24 "Because . . . hath oppressed and" Job 20:19.
 26 Combining form signifying away from.
 27 Obtains.
 29 "He was oppressed . . . he was afflicted," Isa. 53:7.
 31 "refuse the evil, and . . . the good," Isa. 7:15.
 34 "neither oppress the afflicted in the . . ." Prov. 22:22.
 36 Not freshly made.
 38 "the . . . and flags shall wither," Isa. 19:6.
 40 "trees of the Lord are full of . . ." Ps. 104:16.
 42 Each.
 43 "to . . . the heavy burdens," Isa. 58:6.
 44 "let . . . of you imagine evil," Zech. 7:10.
 45 Indian mulberry (var.).
 47 "seek judgment, . . . the oppressed," Isa. 1:17.
 48 "leave me not . . . mine oppressors," Ps. 119:121.
 50 "that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his . . ." Prov. 14:31.
 52 "look not thou upon the wine when it is . . ." Prov. 23:31.

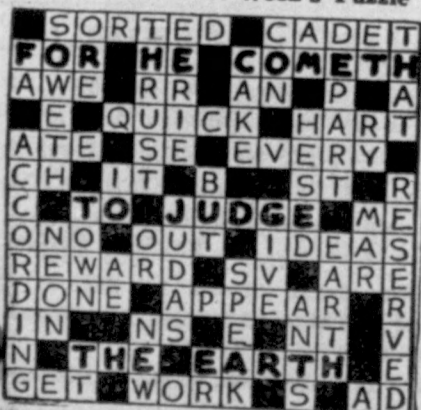
OPPRESSION

- 53 "Deliver me from the oppression . . . man," Ps. 119:134.
 54 "At . . . day thou shalt give him . . . hire," Deut. 24:15.
 55 "Let us search and try our . . ." Lam. 3:40.
 Our text is 1, 4, 7, 16, 17, 29, 31, 44, 53, 54 and 55 combined.

DOWN

- 1 "man of the . . . may no more oppress," Ps. 10:18.
 2 North river.
 3 "in the hills, and in the . . ." Deut. 1:7.
 4 "they make the oppressed . . . cry," Job 35:9.
 5 "... every one that thirsteth," Isa. 55:1.
 6 "... the golden bowl be broken," Eccl. 12:6.
 7 Heads (slang).
 8 "the . . . of such as were oppressed," Eccl. 4:1.
 10 "let not the . . . oppress me," Ps. 119:122.
 13 "and it . . . sin unto thee," Deut. 24:15.
 15 Ages.
 18 "break in . . . s the oppressor," Ps. 72:4.
 19 Promissory note.
 20 Recording secretary.
 21 "If thou . . . the oppression of the poor," Eccl. 5:8.
 24 "saith among the trumpets . . ." Job 39:35.
 25 Town on the west shore of the Dead Sea, Josh. 15:62.
 27 "bold in our God to speak unto you the . . ." I Thess. 2:2.
 28 Beverage.
 30 Die of a pedestal.
 32 "with his stripes we are . . ." Isa. 53:5.
 33 "... not in oppression," Ps. 62:10.
 35 Tensile strength.
 37 "... of the tree were for the healing," Rev. 22:2.
 39 Half an em.
 40 "bruises and putrifying . . ." Isa. 1:6.
 41 Amorite ally of Abram, Gen. 14:13.
 45 Incorporeal.
 46 Hurrah.
 49 Yellow Hawaiian bird.
 51 Two books in the Bible.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle



25 Years Ago

Rev. Martin Ball writes: "Everybody is happy. Many rejoice in the midst of falling tears and heartaches. Hostilities have ceased—the Kaiser is out of the way and the Hohenzollerns are scattered."

Dr. J. B. Gambrell of the Southwestern Theological Seminary, says, "Praying is the biggest business in the world."

The First church, Houston, Tex., gave to State Missions \$7,000 against \$2,400 last year. Our own J. B. Leavell is the aggressive pastor.

An event of more than ordinary interest is the recent entry of Ex-Governor A. H. Longino of this state into war work as a Y. M. C. A. man.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Dr. Chester M. Savage

Called and Accepted

- W. C. Sledge, Lowell, N. C.
 Earl George, Oil City, Yazoo county, Miss.
 H. E. East, Tullia, Texas.
 Jack Merritt, Irving, Texas.
 I. J. Lloyd, Sweetwater, Okla.
 Dr. C. C. Warren, First, Charlotte, N. C.

- Raymond Scroggins, 66th Street, Birmingham, Ala.
 W. M. Sentell, Dunnellon, Fla.
 David Gardner, Calvary, Daytona Beach, Fla.

- Quimby Sirman, Perrine, Fla.
 Edgar B. Brooks, Richland, Ga.
 Fletcher Weston, Hebron, Fla.
 John B. Laney, Lakewood Baptist Church, Hillsboro, Texas.

Resigned

- W. C. Sledge, Shaw, Miss.
 Dr. C. C. Warren, Immanuel, Little Rock, Ark.
 Raymond Scroggins, Irondale, Ala.
 W. M. Sentell, Alachua, Fla.
 W. M. Stallings, Independence Hill, N. C.

- Jimmy Bercaw, Hebron, Fla.
 Don Jones, New Orelan, Newton county, Miss.

- C. C. Sanders, Jr., LaFayette, Ala.
 Tom A. Patterson, East Grand, Dallas, Texas.

- S. R. McClung, Grand Prairie, Tex.
 O. A. Taylor, Iola, Texas.
 Walter Bartels, Alvarado, Texas.
 Tony Dorris, Northwest, Miami, Fla.
 Herbert C. Gabhart, Williamsburg, Ky.

- R. H. Nolte, Plattsburg, Mo.
 R. M. Munday, Clifton Hill, Mo.
 W. L. Keeney, Chaffee, Mo.
 Arch Bolerjack, Seymour, Mo.
 Max O'Neil, Eastman, Ga.
 Hugh Dozier, Byne Mem., Albany, Ga.

- S. M. White, Summit, Miss.
 Earl Brooks, Weir, Miss.
 A. P. Wayne, Centerville, Walthall county, Miss.

- Harold C. Seefeldt, Paris, Ark.
 W. F. Couch, Marianna, Ark.
 Wilson Wood, Parkin, Ark.
 Herbert V. Wilson, Gillham, Ark.
 H. Ray Watson, Fort Gibson, Okla.
 Bartley Gogers, Hulen, Okla.
 R. H. Maltby, Mounds, Okla.
 T. L. Richardson, Jr., Norton, Va.
 T. E. Peters, Warsaw, Va.
 L. R. Freeman, Matoaca, Va.
 R. E. McDowell, Upper Essex, Va.
 C. N. Travis, Pollock, Va.

- Lester White, Rayne, La.
 R. V. Miller, Sugartown, La.
 C. W. Teague, Wendell, N. C.
 W. G. Barnard, Enterprise, Alexandria, La.
 W. E. Bost, Little Rock, S. C.

Resigned

- Tom A. Patterson, Evans Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas.
 S. R. McClung, Perryton, Texas.
 J. Ray Stephens, Iola, Texas.
 Tony Dorris, Franklin Park, East St. Louis, Ill.
 R. H. Nolte, Versailles, Mo.
 A. J. Johnson, North Side, St. Louis, Mo.

- Ross Canning, Bogard, Mo.
 W. L. Keeney, St. James, Mo.
 Arch Bolerjack, Licking, Mo.
 Max O'Neil, Ft. Gaines, Georgia.
 Hugh Dozier, Ellaville, Ga.
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- Wm. Potter, McLain, Miss.
 H. C. Seefeldt, Brinkley, Ark.
 W. F. Couch, Cabool, Mo.
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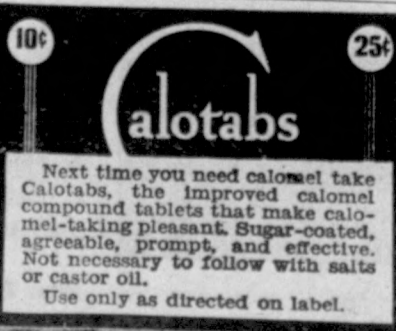
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DEBT-FREE, THE SEMINARY FACES FORWARD

By G. S. Dobbins

"And Paul said, I would to God that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day were both almost and altogether such as I am, except these bonds" (Acts 26:29).

Debt a Form of Bondage

Paul well knew the meaning of bondage. He knew also the joy that came from release.

Debt is a form of bondage. "Bonds," in the language of business, represent an obligation or deed by which the debtor is bound to pay back borrowed money. In the present war emergency, were it not for our nation's ability to exchange its bonds for cash we would be hopelessly defeated.

The Joy of Freedom From Debt

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was compelled to enter into the bondage of debt because the financial crash of 1929 made impossible the collection of pledges to the building fund which, if paid, would have delivered the splendid new property to the denomination practically debt-free. When Dr. Sampey became president we applied every available dollar in the Seminary's possession to the debt of practically one million dollars. Expenses were cut to the bone. Threat of foreclosure was met by fortunate refinancing. Gifts from the Hundred Thousand Club were matched with payments squeezed from operating resources and by special donations. Gradually the debt was reduced until on October 13, 1943, a check from the Executive Committee of the Convention in the amount of \$26,413.07 wiped out the balance due and freed the Seminary from its long bondage.

Unmet Needs That Still Restrain

Every advance of the Seminary throughout its long and glorious history has brought new demands. After seventeen years of steady growth the school is faced again with imperative needs. Money was in the bank for a chapel when Dr. Sampey became president. It was promptly applied to the debt. A large room intended for other use was pressed into service for assembly purposes. Scarcely more than half the Seminary family can now be crowded into this room at one time. The two original apartment houses for married students have long been outgrown. Scores of families must live off the campus, to their great inconvenience. This year many students had to be turned away because living quarters were not to be had at any price. Classroom space was provided for a maximum of 500 students. Into these rooms are now being crowded over 700 students.

For years there has been a mounting demand for Seminary-trained lay workers as educational directors, church administrators, pastors' assistants, ministers of music. In order that this demand might be supplied without interfering with the great main business of the Seminary, the education of preachers and pastors, a separate Laymen's Building should be provided.

During the seventeen years since the occupancy of its new quarters the Seminary has had only one item of new property added for teaching purposes—the recently acquired building and grounds for the School of Church Music, the gift of V. V. Cooke of Louisville.

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Four mighty passions should grip Mississippi Baptists at this time, namely, an evangelistic fervor, debt-paying completion, five-year program projected, and thanksgiving to God for His blessings.

We should pay our debts, first of all for Christ's sake. His Name, His work, and His people are involved. If someone thinks our task too much with only \$156,500 bonds outstanding, remember, we have already called and paid for \$380,000 of our bonds and nobody has been hurt in it. Cheer up! Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, owes \$1,900,000.

Second, we should pay our debts for the sake of His church. We might say we should pay it for the sake of our denomination, for the sake of the Training Union, for the sake of the W. M. U., for the sake of the Sunday school. We do not say that, but we do say we should pay these debts for the sake of His church. His church is involved. His blood is upon His church. His heart is in His church.

Third, we should pay our debts for the sake of the lost millions who await the gospel. Sometimes we are wondering if thousands of Mississippi Baptists do care whether lost people are saved or not. If we do care, then why go off on so many tangents, instead of staying with evangelism, missions, Christian education, benevolences, New Testament stewardship and the like?

Fourth, we should pay our debts because the money went for a good purpose; we are honest; we wear the name of Christ; some Baptists have never known a denomination out of debt; it will save \$300,000 in interest; it will loose us for a great work, and we will enjoy the thrill of a completed task.

realized is that of a group of cottages or small apartments furnished rent-free to furloughed missionaries and their families while they rest and study at the Seminary.

The Challenge to Greater Service

At each stage of its expanding service the Seminary's needs have been providentially met. The Seminary is wholly committed to a "pay as you go" policy. The debt just paid was not of its choosing. How can its urgent needs be met without debt?

More than four thousand alumni have spontaneously inaugurated a movement to build a memorial chapel. Money is already flowing in for this fund.

Individuals and families of more than average means are being discovered and challenged to make an eternal investment in the Seminary through gifts of cash and bonds or property, or by estate notes, or insurance designations, or by will.

The day just ahead of us should be the greatest Baptist day in history. Freedom from the bondage of debt gives no license for ease, but liberates for ever-widening service in meeting ever-increasing needs and opportunities that press upon us at home and abroad.

TEACHERS

A teacher, whether one who teaches privately in school or college, is one of the noblest and most useful of all human beings. His or her responsibility is very great, for it is that of molding character far more than the instructing of the mind.

The teacher's task is often tedious, for year in and year out the routine often is much the same. But that teacher is greatest who can so teach as to make every student feel that he is being instructed by one who is doing so for the first time.

Confucius once said: "He who by warming up the old can gain knowledge of the new is fit to teach." There is little actually new in the world—only the adaptation of the old to the new. And this method will continue for so long as man inhabits the earth. For example, take the simple invention of the wheel. First its use was for a cart to move things, and that by hand. Today wheels move the affairs of the world, in a thousand different creations.

The most efficient teacher is the one who understands human nature best, and who seeks to bring out the personality of a student, and make him think for himself.

The turning point in many a person's life has occurred while under the guidance of a patient and intelligent teacher. . . .

—George Matthew Adams.

Christianity is not taught in our state institutions and our public school systems, because to do so would be unconstitutional; but it can be absorbed from Christian teachers in these schools. Young people acquire character-building thoughts and habits more from emulating Godly teachers than they do from text books. A Christian teacher in a class room, living the Christ-life daily, conveys a message more powerful and more eloquent than a sermon. Perhaps the Christian teacher has a greater influence upon the children he touches than the pastor, since the children are only in the presence of the pastor about twice a week for a short time, whereas they are with their public school teachers five days a week.

While Blue Mountain graduates are proving to be Christian leaders in sixty-eight vocations and professions, yet most of them enter the character-building realms of pedagogy and matrimony. You may help Blue Mountain College continue its God-given mission by donating liberally to its endowment fund campaign this month, through your church.

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Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on Page Twelve.

1. (Origin of Thanksgiving Day): No doubt the Pilgrim Fathers found it in Psalm 116:12-17.

2. (Children massacred): Since Bethlehem was a small village, children "two years old and under" could not have been many, and Farrar, in his "Life of Christ," states that not more than 20 were slain. Herod's edict was based on the fear that Jesus would grow up and replace him.

3. (Psalm of Thanksgiving): See Psalm 136, which repeats "O give thanks unto the Lord," etc., 26 times.

4. (Forbidden to boil kid in milk): Ancient inscriptions have been found in Syria, describing the edict, as known by the early Canaanites, explaining that the "boiling of a kid in milk" was a Canaanite ritualistic practice. Accordingly, the Hebrews were forbidden to practice any such rites of the Canaanites, who were looked on as pagans, or heathen.

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OUR COMPLETE DEBT PICTURE

"RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONVENTION BOARD

We offer the following recommendations regarding the ENTIRE indebtedness picture:

1. We recommend that the COOPERATIVE PROGRAM and the NOW CLUB be stressed in every possible legitimate and spiritual manner to the end that all causes in general may be helped, and in particular, that we may come to our Convention in 1944 free of indebtedness.

2. We further recommend that the month of June 1944, which month is commonly regarded as CHRISTIAN EDUCATION month, be designated as MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST VICTORY month in which EVERY Mississippi Baptist and EVERY Mississippi Baptist Church will be urged to make a special offering for the Now Club. This will mean that individuals and churches having made pledges, and having paid these pledges, will make an extra "thank" offering. This also means that individuals and churches having made pledges with a balance unpaid, will pay this balance at that time. This means that some few hundred churches and several thousand Mississippi Baptists having made no pledges will make VICTORY payments during the month—June 1944.

3. We further recommend that the Statistical Section of the 1944 annual be made the NOW CLUB VICTORY BOOK.

4. We recommend further that since it is believed that the above procedure will take care of the \$156,500 outstanding bonds plus a \$25,000 note at the bank (this note having been made some three years ago when a \$15,000 Woman's College note and a \$10,000 Blue Mountain College note were taken up, interest only having been paid since), and WHEREAS, so far as our records show these two items consisting of these outstanding bonds and this note constitute the only external indebtedness involving money borrowed, and that the

said sum of \$181,500 be the goal of our Now Club Program for 1944, which if paid will retire the last dollar of debt which our Mississippi Baptist Convention owes for money borrowed and interest thereon.

5. We recommend that the two items commonly known as the balance on support fund and carried in the amounts of \$24,083.69 by Blue Mountain College, and \$24,083.69 by Woman's College, be paid without interest, out of the Cooperative Program receipts when the two items first named in recommendation 4 shall have been paid.

6. We recommend still further, that no additional financial obligation be placed upon the Education Commission account, until these items above shall have been cleared, and in addition, until the deficit from these items shall have made up from 25% of the COOPERATIVE PROGRAM funds allocated to CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

7. Again, we recommend, in order that the position of this Convention may be made clear, and, in order that questions being asked about the matter may be answered, the commonly designated Mississippi College Alumni Association indebtedness to the Feild Cooperative Association, totalling approximately \$300,000—the principal being well over \$150,000—be left in the hands of the Alumni Association and the Feild Cooperative Association, since neither organization is organically connected with the Convention, and since the matter was not authorized by the Convention.

8. That lastly, we recommend looking toward a major emphasis upon the COOPERATIVE PROGRAM, that fewer special campaigns be authorized and promoted by the Convention and agencies, thus giving the Cooperative Program right of way in church and denominational emphasis.

COMMENT: We feel that Mississippi Baptists should have our complete debt picture at this time. In the eight items above, we present such a picture. These items were passed by the Convention last week.

Summing up the features of this Convention action, we find the following emphasis:

Keep up the Cooperative Program and Now Club emphasis. Take an "over and above" offering to apply on our State debts in June, 1944.

We owe as a Convention only \$181,500 representing borrowed money.

We are to clear up present debt accounts before other monies are voted.

We leave the Mississippi College Alumni and Feild Cooperative Association transaction in their hands.

We will pay two items promised two of our colleges.

We submit this is a very happy picture when compared with the heavy obligations of the past. Victory is NEAR! Now, for the final push!

We have called \$104,000 bonds to be paid off December 1st. We need \$50,000 cash for that call!

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